

# **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**Sanders County, MT**



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# **SANDERS COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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# INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

## Purpose & Goals

A Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) identifies assets and needs within the County as well as identifies a method to prioritize funding for those needs. This is the first CIP that has been developed by Sanders County. There are several reasons behind the development of this CIP, including:

- Ability to analyze the County's capital equipment, vehicle, facility and infrastructure needs
- Provide the opportunity and the methodology to prioritize the needs over a 5-year capital planning time-frame
- Allow for public input with regard to the County's proposed capital expenditures
- Allow for the County Commissioners to make informed decisions on capital expenditures

The purpose of the CIP is to establish a five (5) year plan that can help to ensure that wise choices are made with regards to the purchase of capital equipment; funding of facility upgrades, expansions and remodels; purchase of vehicles; and, funding of public infrastructure.

The goals of the CIP are to:

- Provide a defined process for the review and consideration of capital needs during the annual budget cycle
- Prioritize capital needs over the 5-year planning horizon
- Ensure consideration is given to the capital needs of the entire county
- Identify potential funding sources (and related impacts) necessary to undertake the capital projects, purchases and/or acquisitions – including local revenues, grants, loans, bond revenues, matching funds, and loan repayments
- Provide for the ability to identify projects that are eligible for grant and/or loan funds and to initiate the grant/loan application process
- Provide for the ability to consider funds for the operational and maintenance needs of existing capital equipment and vehicles; existing facilities; and, existing public infrastructure

## **Benefits**

The capital improvement process allows for the identification, review and budgeting of capital expenditure. As with any business, Sanders County has existing assets that at some time in the future will need to be replaced. Additionally, there are needs within the community that can be addressed with appropriate County expenditures. Identifying the assets, the needs for future replacement and community needs are all benefits of a CIP. Specifically, the CIP will:

- Focuses on balancing community needs against the community's ability to pay
- Focuses attention on community goals and needs
- Educates the public and policy makers as to the costs of capital projects
- Ensures an efficient use of resources
- Helps to ensure financial stability
- Considers the unique needs of the County's diverse demographic character

## **Planning Area And Demographic Considerations**

Sanders County encompasses a large, geographically diverse area. Covering 2,790 square miles of land area, it ranges from the lush, forested lands in the “west end” to the arid range lands of the Camas Prairie. This geographically large county has a small population, with an average of just 4 residents per square mile. According to the 2010 Census, there were 11,413 people residing within the county, of which a majority (6,832 people) lives within unincorporated, non-designated portions of the County. The Census identified that 2,905 people resided within the 3 incorporated communities (City of Thompson Falls, Town of Hot Springs and Town of Plains), while 1,676 resided within the 10 Census Designated Places (Belknap, Camas, Dixon, Heron, Lonepine, Noxon, Old Agency, Paradise, Trout Creek and Weeksville).

Historically, agriculture and natural resource extraction have been the primary bases of the county economy. While these industries continue to play a role, the economic base is shifting towards an undetermined set of economic “drivers”. The county's financial underpinning is dependent on local property taxes, various fees for service and transfer payments from a variety of state and federal programs.

Over the last decade, the county has been at or near the highest unemployment rate within the state. It currently (based on 2010 Census data) is experiencing a poverty rate nearing 20% (ranking it 46<sup>th</sup> amongst the 56 counties); and, the median household income of \$30,622 is well below the statewide average of \$43,872.

The geography, demographics and economic conditions result in a diverse set of operational issues, capital needs and multiple funding challenges.

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) DEVELOPMENT

## Basis of CIP

Development of the CIP occurred in a two-step process, using a needs-driven approach.. Under this approach, each County department first identified their “wish list” of capital needs. In a smaller, rural county, the department heads and their staff are the “front-line” experts; and, have clear knowledge of the department capital, operational and maintenance needs. As with any wish list, these department lists typically exceed available funding or require more staff resources than are available. In order to prioritize and categorize these lists, a set of evaluation criteria was then established as the second step.

This broader set of criteria evaluated if the “wish list” items meet the overall community needs. These evaluation criteria include:

- Has the existing capital item/project exceeded its useful life-cycle?
- Does the requested capital item/project provide a benefit to multiple community users and/or county departments?
- Will the capital item/project provide an improvement to community health or safety?
- Will the capital item/project provide an improvement in service efficiency?
- Will the capital item/project result in new or improved service to the public?

This approach will result in a responsible CIP that identifies the basic capital needs that benefit the greatest possible segment of the county’s population; maximizes operational efficiencies; and, provides for obtaining the most value for the use of county funds.

## Evaluation

1. Preparation of the CIP began with an evaluation of the County’s existing capital assets and infrastructure. This evaluation was based on information provided by the Clerk and Recorder as part of the county’s asset depreciation tracking, together with input from the Land Services Director and the individual Department Heads. As shown on Table 1, the asset inventory was broken into the following categories:

**Table 1 – Asset Inventory Categories**

### **Public Facilities**

- Buildings
- Parks
- Solid Waste
- Bookmobile
- Water and/or Sewer Districts

### **Public Safety**

- Sheriff

### **Transportation**

- Roads
- Bridges
- Sidewalks & Trails
- Airports
- Junk Vehicles

### **General Fund Departments**

- Equipment

- Emergency Services

- Vehicles

The listing of these identified capital assets is included within Appendix A.

2. Interviews were conducted with staff associated with the various capital categories described in Table 1. Those interviews centered around input on the following items:
  - 1) Identification of capital items in need of repair or replacement within the next 5 years.
  - 2) Identification of new capital assets to be acquired within the next 5 years.
  - 3) Identification of capital infrastructure needs within the next 5 years.
  - 4) Departmental perspective of capital priorities for the needs identified through the above steps.
3. A community wide needs survey was conducted by the Sanders County Land Services Department in December of 2011. A copy of the survey and survey summary information can be located in Appendix B.
4. Two public input meetings were held (as noted below) to receive input from community members as to their perspective on capital needs. Summaries of those meetings can be located in Appendix C.
  - 1) Hot Springs Senior Center. Wednesday, November 7, 2012. 5:30 p.m.
  - 2) Sanders County Courthouse, Thompson Falls. Wednesday, November 28, 2012. 5:30 p.m.

## **Capital Improvement Needs**

In developing the CIP, the proposed capital projects had to fall within one (or more) of the following categories to be considered for inclusion into the capital needs list.

### **A. Replacement**

The item in need of replacement is worn out, obsolete or has served beyond its functional life cycle. Or, the costs of replacement outweigh the maintenance and operational costs of continuing to use the item.

### **B. Repair**

These capital items are in need of significant repairs to return the item to original or near-original operating condition. Minor repairs and normal operation & maintenance activities would normally not be considered as capital repair.

### **C. Remodel/Update/Upgrade/Expansion**

Typically associated with buildings, facilities and public infrastructure (water, sewer, roads, bridges, drainage), the project allows for expanded services; improvements to existing services; compliance with regulatory issues (i.e. accessibility, water & wastewater treatment, etc.); and, meeting technology opportunities.

D. Quality and/or Efficiency

The capital item will enable the county to provide higher quality service and/or perform the same service at lesser cost.

E. Public Health and/or Safety

These projects, equipment and/or vehicles provide direct improvements to the health and/or safety of the county's residents. Typically would include public water, sewer and/or storm drainage; solid waste; law enforcement; and, emergency services (including 911 dispatch and search & rescue)

F. ADA Access

Capital projects and/or equipment may be necessary to bring public facilities into compliance with the American with Disabilities Act.

G. Legislative Mandate

Federal and/or State legislative action may result in the need for capital acquisitions and/or improvements.

H. Economic Development

A capital project (usually in the form of public infrastructure) supports the development of properties that create jobs, increase the tax base and otherwise increase the strength and diversity of the county's economy.

I. General Community Benefit

The projects provide improvements enhance the aesthetics of and amenities within the county. This may include such items as landscaping, art in public places, parks, trails, etc. These amenities may play a role in recruitment and/or retention of businesses or residents.

## **Prioritizing Capital Improvements**

As the initial CIP for Sanders County, it was decided that the initial prioritization would be based on a relatively straightforward approach. Rather than a complex system of matrices, points and weighting, the initial set of priorities were based on input from the individual department heads/managers, together with input from the County Commissioners. The goal was to take advantage of their professional judgment and system knowledge.



# Sanders County Capital Improvement Plan

## CAPITAL NEEDS LISTING

Category	Item	Year 1 - 13/14	Year 2 - 14/15	Year 3 - 15/16	Year 4 - 16/17	Year 5 - 17/18
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### Public Facilities

#### Buildings/Grounds/Facilities

Courthouse	Expansion of Existing Courthouse Building per 2009 ADG Study.					\$3,360,000
Courthouse	Elevator Upgrade for ADA & Life Safety Compliance	\$75,900				
Courthouse	Seal Coat Parking Lot			\$\$\$		
Courthouse	Parking Lot Addition (Total = \$188,100) recommended in 2009 ADG Study.				\$188,100	
Sherriff & Detention	Jail & Sherriff Office Expansion & Remodel (Total = \$612,000). Ground level administration space per 2009 ADG Study.					\$625,000
Thompson Falls	Enhancement of landscaping in City CTEP project within Railway Park	\$30,000				

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**Trails/Pathways/Sidewalks**

	Plains	Trail along Airport Road from Central Avenue to Wildhorse Sports Assoc. fields	TBD - CTEP Eligible			
	Paradise	Completion of Trail between SW corner of town and Post Office	TBD - CTEP Eligible			
	Trout Creek	Trail along Hwy. 200 between west edge of town and boat launch/park	TBD - CTEP Eligible			
	Thompon Falls	Thompson Falls Community Trail - Phase II - May be CTEP eligible	TBD			
	Hot Springs	Trailhead on Old Hot Springs Road for hiking, biking, skiing on FS roads & trails	TBD			
	Hot Springs	Trail from Highway 200 to High School	Currently scheduled to be designed and constructed by Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribe.			

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## Public Infrastructure

Thompson Falls	Extension of water and sewer improvements to east end of city			TBD		
Hot Springs	Paving of Ronan Cut Off Road			TBD		
Plains	Removal of Old Bridge Pilings @ 5th Avenue Bridge over Clark Fork			TBD		
Plains	Flood and Erosion Mitigation Efforts in Plains Reach of Clark Fork River			TBD		
Plains	River Road West Flood & Erosion Protection			TBD		
Plains	River Road East - Rehabilitation of Flood Control Levee along roadway to meet US Army Corps requirements			TBD		

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### Bookmobile

Vehicles						
	Replace 2004 Ford Bookmobile			\$110,000		

### Fairgrounds

Facilities & Grounds						
	Replace Pavillion					\$1,600,000
	Home Economics Building Rehabilitation -	\$35,000				
	Renovate South Grandstand - Bathrooms, Storage & Siding		TBD			
	Renovate Center Grandstand - Bathrooms, Office/Meeting Room, Siding			TBD		
	Ag Building - Replace Roof				TBD	
	Grandstand Seating Replacement					TBD
	RV Sites Along River @ Old MX Site			TBD		
	Modify MX Well To Irrigate Lands In NW Portion Of Grounds & Extend Piping To 20 Acre Site					TBD

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## Parks

Facilities	Playground Equipment @ Fairgrounds Beach		\$38,000			
	Land Acquisition off Blue Slide Road @ Squaw Creek	\$100,000				

## Solid Waste

Equipment						
	Loader - Rubber Tired	\$45,000				
	Trailer (For towing loader behind existing 3/4 Ton)	\$10,000				
Facilities						
	One (1) Additional Pad Each @ Noxon, Trout Creek & Noxon (For cardboard containers)			\$15,000		
	Bldg Addition @ T Falls For Cold Storage & Plow/Sander				TBD	
	New Conveyor Belt @ Thompson Falls		\$50,000			
	Install Power To Noxon, Heron & Trout Creek Sites					\$15,000

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Water and/or  
Sewer Districts

Dixon	Water & Sewer systems in Dixon owned, operated and maintained by Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribe					
Heron						
Noxon						
Paradise	Sanitary Sewer Collection, Treatment & Disposal System			\$2,900,000		
Trout Creek	Water System owned & operated by Water Service, Inc. - a Non-Profit, Membership-Owned, Cooperative system. All parcels in community on individual wastewater systems.					

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Water and/or Sewer Districts - Conbtinued
Woodside Park

Water & Sanitary Sewer Systems are owned, operated and maintained by the respective City or Town

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Public Safety

Emergency Management

Vehicles						
	3/4 Ton Pick-Up for Hauling of Emergency Response Trailer	\$35,000				
Facilities						
	Storage in T. Falls area for Emergency Response Trailer					TBD

Sheriff

Equipment						
	Fingerprint System Software Upgrade	\$\$\$\$\$				
	Add Video Monitoring & Recording System In Detention Areas	\$\$\$\$\$				
Vehicles						
	Replace Two (2) Patrol Vehicles Per Year	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
	New Transport Car	\$25,000				



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Sheriff - Continued

Vehicles						
	New Jail Van		\$25,000			
	Fit Out Of Grant Acquired Tactical Vehicles (Humvee)			\$10,000		
Facilities						
	New Sheriff/Deputy/Admin Office & Work Space	See Public Facilities/Buildings				
	Detention Storage Building (150 S.F. shed under awning on west side of building)	\$8,000				
	Detention Kitchen Air Conditioner, Vent Hood & Cabinets	\$5,000				
	Building Water Valves & Filters			\$5,000		
	Detention Gate & Wall at Intake Door	\$15,000				
	Metal Roof Over Recreation Yard					TBD
	Correct Drainage From Parking Lot Into Yard			\$\$\$\$		

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Search & Rescue		No Capital Needs Identified				
911/Dispatch						
	Equipment					
	New 911 System	\$90,000				
	Digital Logger System		\$35,000			
	Repeater Upgrades (Three (3) Sites)			\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
	Back Up Battery Repairs @ Green Mtn Repeater Site		\$\$\$\$\$			

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Transportation

Airport - Hot Springs

Equipment	Snow Plow Dedicated To Airport					TBD
	Mower Dedicated To Airport					TBD
Vehicles		None Identified				
Facilities	Pilot Building With Garage For Courtesy Car					TBD
	Reconstruct Runway					TBD
	Reconstruct Taxiway					TBD

Airport - Plains

Facilities	GPS Instrument Approach System (\$150,000 Total Cost - 5% Local Share)			\$7,500		
	Runway Crack Seal, Fog Seal, Striping (\$75,000 Total Cost - 5% Local Share)				\$5,000	
	AWOS System Recognition By FAA	TBD				



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Roads & Bridges - District 1						
	Equipment					
	Motor Grader (Replace 1980's grader with 9,000 hours)	\$125,000				
	New Rubber Tire Loader	\$100,000				
	4 Replacement Haul Trucks/Plow/Sanders		\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
	Replace older Belly Dump trailer unit	\$20,000				
	Vehicles					
	Patching/Utility Pick-up, 1-Ton with dump box	\$35,000				
	Replace Two (2) older pick-ups with 3/4-Ton, 4X4 Units	\$25,000	\$25,000			
	Extra Plow Blade	\$5,000				
	Facilities					
	Bache Pit Acquisition	TBD				
	Roads & Bridges					
	Materials For Annual Culvert Replacement & Repair	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
	Fairgrounds Bridge Deck Repair/Replacement	TBD				

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## Roads & Bridges - District 2

### Equipment

Truck For Tar Pot Distribution  
(Replace 1979 Ford 9000)

\$25,000

Replace Two (2) 1980's Front  
End Loaders

\$75,000

Replace Grader

\$125,000

Replace 1985 End Dump

\$40,000

Replace Two (2) Cab Chasis For  
Water Tanks

\$25,000

\$25,000

Replace A 2nd Plow Truck

\$25,000

### Vehicles

Replace 2003 Foreman Pickup

\$27,500

### Facilities

Replace 5 Overhead Doors @  
Shop

\$15,000

Insulate Walls & Ceiling Of  
Main Shop (Spray On)

TBD

Sander/Tractor Lean-To Bays  
(Replace 2 + 8 New)

TBD

Extend Fence Around Gravel  
Pile & Dump Areas (1,000' ±)

\$32,500



Category	Item	Year 1 - 13/14	Year 2 - 14/15	Year 3 - 15/16	Year 4 - 16/17	Year 5 - 17/18
General Fund						
Clerk & Recorder	Equipment	CADD Station (Hardware & Software)		\$12,500		
Commissioners	Equipment	Replace Copy Machine	\$12,500			
		Replace Postage Machine			\$5,500	
County Attorney	Equipment	None Identified (New Copier Budgeted For 12/13)				
District Court	Facilities	Additional Courtroom Space	Included in overall courthouse expansion			
		Secure File Retention/Storage	TBD			



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General Fund

Environmental Health

Vehicle	New Vehicle For New 1/2-Time Staff Member			\$25,000		
Facilities	Space For 1/2-Time Staff Member	Included within overall courthouse expansion				

Extension

Equipment	Replace Copier With Copier/Printer		\$12,000			
Vehicle	Replace 2000 Vehicle (Originally acquired as "gift" from Avista)					\$25,000
Facilities	Yearly Lease@ State Building	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000

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GIS/Rural Addressing			No Capital Needs Identified				
Information Technology							
	Equipment						
		Yearly Computer Replacement & Upgrade Program	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
		Server Upgrade			\$\$\$\$\$		
		Website Upgrade			\$\$\$\$\$		
Junk Vehicles							
	Facilities						
		Crushing Pads, Storm Collection & Fencing at Trout Creek site.			\$\$\$\$\$		
Justice Court							
	Equipment						
		Audio Recording Equipment (To meet Court of Record requirements)	\$5,500				
	Facilities						
		Separate Justice Courtroom	Included within overall courthouse expansion				

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Land Services						
	Vehicles					
		Replace 2007 Trail Blazer		\$27,500		
Public Health						
	Equipment		None Identified (New Vehicle Budgeted For 12/13)			
	Facilities					
		Sink in Clinic room	XXXX			
Treasurer						
	Facilities					
		Expansion Of Office Area	Included within overall courthouse expansion			
Weeds						

# CAPITAL NEEDS - NARRATIVE

## Introduction

Many of the capital items that have been identified fall within what would be considered typical for the normal operations of a county government agency. These would include such items as replacement of older vehicles and equipment; upgrades of technology software and hardware; and, routine infrastructure projects conducted by the road & bridge crews.

However, there were a number of more extensive and non-typical items and projects that were identified during the Evaluation Process (see the CIP Process Section). Additional discussion and description of these items is included below.

## Buildings/Grounds/Facilities

€ Perhaps the most significant item included within the CIP is the proposal to undertake a Courthouse Expansion and Remodel Project. An analysis of the needs was undertaken by Architects Design Group (ADG) in May, 2009. In addition to the project outline within the ADG report, during the Evaluation Process under this CIP, multiple internal stakeholders commented on the need for additional space; revisions to existing space; and, upgrades to the heating, cooling, and tele-data systems.

This project includes the addition of approximately 7,640 S.F. to the courthouse, 8,800 S.F. of interior remodel, upgrades to the exterior of the building, and upgrades to various mechanical systems.

Estimated costs were developed based on information contained within the ADG report; increases to account for inflation; and, review of the costs by an independent architect. Based on that analysis, the estimated cost of this expansion and remodel project is estimated to be \$3,360,000 in 2012 dollars. This is obviously a significant cost to Sanders County; and, it is not expected that this project could be undertaken utilizing existing revenue sources. It is expected that all, or a significant part, of the funds will need to be generated utilizing some form of bond funds. Should that be the case, this finance option will need to account for legal review, public input; and, ultimately, voter approval.

It should be noted that during the departmental interviews, there were multiple comments regarding dissatisfaction with various elements of the existing space. These comments included comments regarding the function and effectiveness of the existing heating and cooling systems. There were concerns about the limitations of the existing power and tele-data systems. There were also concerns about adequate space to accommodate staff and records storage needs – especially within the court and law enforcement functions.

If the overall courthouse expansion project (and the below discussed jail expansion does not proceed additional consideration will need to be given as to how to meet the operational needs of the departments residing within the courthouse and detention buildings.

- € Also included within the ADG report was a Sheriff's Office/Jail Addition. Currently, the Sheriff Department staff (Sheriff, deputies, detectives, etc.) are utilizing sub-standard office space in the basement of the detention facility. It has been suggested that this space was never intended for use as office space.

The existing space is does not provide adequate space for office/administrative tasks; interviews; meetings; or, storage. Staff is squeezed into spaces under stairways, in hallways and in alcoves. Evidence storage is not centralized due to the space limitations. And, there is inadequate work space if multiple deputies and/or detectives are present at the same time. The proposal is that approximately 3,000 s.f. of ground level space would be constructed as an addition to the east side of the existing detention building. This would provide for adequate staff space; and, would have the added benefit of providing for improved evidence, records and equipment storage in the basement.

Again, based on values within the ADG report, inflation considerations and 3<sup>rd</sup> party review, it is estimated that the project would cost \$625,000 in 2012 dollars. At a significantly lower cost than the courthouse addition/remodel, there are significantly more options available to finance these improvements.

- € The final component of the ADG report was a Parking Lot Addition. This would involve the construction of a new parking lot to the south of the existing courthouse and east of the detention facility. This parking would have the ability to provide additional space for courthouse staff, sheriff/detention staff, and/or public.

Following the same procedures as for the courthouse and sheriff's office projects, the costs for the parking lot addition are estimated to be \$188,100 in 2012 dollars. These costs are such that they could be managed under the normal budget process as a standalone project. Or, these costs could be wrapped into a larger project and combined with the proposed courthouse and/or sheriff's office project(s).

- € Referenced within the ADG report, and also identified in an accessibility audit, is the need to upgrade the Courthouse Elevator to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Life Safety Code. Staff has investigated the cost of this upgrade and has identified a projected cost of \$75,900. This is an immediate term project that should be completed (regardless of the proposed expansion plan) in order to become compliant with ADA and code provisions.
- € Utilizing the proceeds of a private donation, in 2010 and 2011, the County Commissioners began the preliminary planning process to replace the Pavilion Building at the County Fairgrounds. MMW Architects of Missoula has prepared a set of preliminary design of the proposed building.

This proposal would construct a new facility in the same location of the existing building, while increasing the footprint from about 5,000 s.f. to just under 9,000 s.f. The proposal

calls for a large common room; two smaller community meeting rooms; fully functional kitchen; improved bathrooms; energy efficient heating & cooling systems; and, storage.

The proposed cost for this building replacement is \$1,600,000 in 2012 dollars. It has been planned that the majority of these costs would consist of grants, private & community donations and in-kind services. Should those funding options prove to be unsuccessful, then other potential public funding opportunities should be investigated.

## **Trails/Pathways/Sidewalks**

- € The Hot Springs community has identified a potential project to develop a Trailhead off Old Hot Springs Road to the southwest of town. This Trailhead would include a parking area and signage; and, would be a starting point for hiking, biking, running and cross-country skiing along the Forest Service roads and trails in the area.

The intent is to provide recreational opportunities for the area's residents and to draw additional visitors to Hot Springs. As with the Thompson Falls Community Trails these type of improvements have the potential to provide appreciable recreational; tourism; economic development; and, business retention benefits.

## **Transportation**

- € Road District #1 has identified the issue of the potential acquisition of the Bache Pit off Highway 28 just outside of Plains. This is adjacent to an existing pit owned by the County. The acquisition would allow for an additional source of gravel materials in the Plains area; but, it would also address some land area needs that have to be resolved in order to meet the State's requirements for restoration of the County's pit.

A number of issues need to be resolved surrounding this proposed acquisition including: fair market value of the land; fair market value of the remaining materials; agreement by the current owner to sell the property; and, agreement on a sale price. However, the Commissioners should continue to explore this opportunity.

- € Road District #1 has also identified a potential need to rehabilitate the deck of the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge over the Clark River at Plains (i.e. the Fairgrounds Bridge). This rehabilitation would extend the life of the deck; and, reduce the risk of corrosion of structural elements within the bridge itself. Further information is needed to define the scope and costs of this work.
- € Road District #2 has identified the need to chip seal the Dixon Street Network. These streets are among the few non-MDT streets within Sanders County that are comprised of full depth asphalt paving. Chip seals help to extend the life of streets by rejuvenating the

asphalt oils (which oxidize over time); seal out moisture; and, improve the traction of the driving surface.

## Public Infrastructure

- € The Thompson Falls Community Trails committee and project group continues to pursue development of trails around the Thompson Falls area. Most of the proposed trails are located outside of the City limits. Although the next phase of the trail network has not been defined at the time of this initial CIP, it is recommended that the County continue to be a partner in the efforts of this group. The trail network has the potential to provide appreciable recreational; tourism; economic development; and, business retention benefits.
- € The Hot Springs community has identified a potential project to develop a Trailhead off Old Hot Springs Road to the southwest of town. This Trailhead would include a parking area and signage; and, would be a starting point for hiking, biking, running and cross-country skiing along the Forest Service roads and trails in the area. The intent is to provide recreational opportunities for the area's residents and to draw additional visitors to Hot Springs. As with the Thompson Falls Community Trails these type of improvements have the potential to provide appreciable recreational; tourism; economic development; and, business retention benefits.
- € There have been multiple discussions about the need for a Thompson Falls East End Water & Sewer Extension. Large vacant and developed commercial and residential properties exist on the east side of the Thompson Falls Reservoir – including the old mill site along the banks of the reservoir. But, without water and wastewater infrastructure, future development and improvement of these parcels is very limited. In cooperation with the City of Thompson Falls, additional evaluation of the costs and impacts of extending these services should be considered.
- € It has been suggested that the Ronan Cut-Off Road (i.e. Little Bitterroot Road) should be paved. The intent would be to improve access to the retail and service opportunities in the Ronan area and to reduce the maintenance needs of this existing gravel road section. No detailed costs or scope of work have been developed; but, the proposal may warrant addition investigation.
- € As part of the efforts of the Plains Reach of the Clark Fork River group and the County's Office of Emergency Management, a number of potential projects have been identified that would provide mitigation of known and potential flood and erosion risks. These include:
  - Removal of Old Bridge Piers/Pilings @ 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge
  - Flood & Erosion Protection at Plains Wastewater Plant
  - Erosion Protection of River Road West
  - Rehabilitation of Flood Control Levee along River Road East

Detailed costs and scope of work have yet to be developed. But, it is recommended that the County continue to be a partner with the efforts of this group. Among other issues, County support as a project “sponsor” is expected to be necessary to enable the community to be eligible for a variety of state and federal grant and funding programs.

- € The manager and staff at the Sanders County Fairgrounds in Plains have been committed efforts in recent years to upgrade the grounds and facilities. Numerous improvements have been completed utilizing funds from the annual operating budget and INTERCAP loans.

The manager and staff have identified a relatively aggressive list of proposed capital projects. As noted within the Recommendations Section, it is recommended that additional consideration be given to the proposed projects and improvements prior to inclusion within any year’s capital project budget.

## **Water & Sewer Districts**

- € The Paradise Sewer collection, treatment and distribution project continues to be a significant infrastructure need. None of the underlying concerns raised in the 2010 Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) have been addressed. Paradise continues to rely on individual wastewater systems located on small lots. The ability to find acceptable replacement fields remains of concern, as does long term impact on the quality of the community’s groundwater supply.

This project was unsuccessful in obtaining grant and loan funding during the 2011 legislative cycle. And, as outlined in the PER, the project is likely not viable without grant and loan funds from sources such as the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP), Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and USDA Rural Development Grant & Loan programs.

The costs of this project are projected at \$2.5 million to \$2.9 million. It is recommended that grant and loan applications are prepared in 2014 for the 2015 legislative process.



# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

## Annual County Tax Revenue

The primary source of annual operating and capital revenues for Sanders County is the collection of property tax revenue as allowed under Montana code provisions, together with tax revenues distributed by the State such as fuel, liquor and gambling. The majority of property tax income is comprised of education levees; general fund revenues; and, specific funds that are not part of the capital project considerations.

However, within the tax revenues are a number of funds that are directly related to the issues within this CIP. Below are the Sanders County Real Property Tax Funds associated with this CIP and the approximate revenues collected for the 2011/2012 Fiscal Year. (Based on data provided by Carol Turk, Treasurer.)

Road Fund	\$495,000
Bridge Fund	\$ 90,000
Weed Control	\$127,000
County Fair	\$129,000
Public Safety - Law Enforcement	\$999,000
Search & Rescue	\$ 17,000
Office of Emergency Management	\$ 24,000
Solid Waste (Enterprise Fund)	\$665,000

The use of general fund dollars is a common method of financing capital improvement projects. When a project is funded out of the general fund revenues, it is usually "paid off" in the budget of a given year (or perhaps two) and essentially becomes a "pay-as-you-go" funding concept based on revenues available. Historically, the general fund is a practical source for funding small capital improvement projects but there are generally not enough excess funds available to take on the larger capital improvement projects. Use of these general fund dollars are allocated each year at the discretion of the County Commissioners.

As discussed under the Recommendations section, Montana law allows for the establishment of a Capital Improvement Fund. This fund can be used to set aside monies on a yearly basis (and, be carried over from year to year) to provide dollars for needs identified within the CIP. The county could consider the establishment of a Capital Improvement Fund to be able to "bank" general fund dollars for the funding of longer-term, larger capital improvement projects.

Solid Waste Enterprise Fund - Properties within Sanders County are assessed a fee for solid waste collection and disposal services. Within the most recent collection cycle, approximately \$665,000 of revenue was received into this fund. However, as an enterprise fund, use of these revenues is limited to activities directly related to solid waste functions.

## **Additional Annual Revenue Sources**

Each year, Sanders County has received payments via the Federal Secure Rural Schools Act. These dollars are provided to each county in which Forest Service lands are located; and, have been designated to offset reductions in timber sales, mineral leases, grazing and other forest uses. The most recent allocation to Sanders County was approximately \$2,000,000. Of those funds, approximately \$1,300,000 (2/3rds of the funds) was allocated to roads, with the remainder allocated to schools.

Most recently, these funds have been allocated on a year-to-year congressional reauthorization. Future payments and the amounts of those payments are uncertain.

Montana codes also provide for local governments to receive payment from the State under the provisions of the Entitlement Share Payments outlined in 15-1-121 MCA. This annual amount is the replacement for revenue received by local governments for diminishment of property tax base and various earmarked fees and other revenues. In the most recent fiscal year, this payment represented approximately \$1,000,000 in revenue. These dollars are allocated by the County Commissioners at their discretions; and, have typically been allocated to the various general fund departments noted above.

## **Grant And Loan Opportunities**

There are many grant and loan programs available through multiple state and federal agencies. Most of these programs are very competitive in nature and the project requests typically exceed the available funding in any given fiscal year. Several of the State programs are tied to the biennial legislative sessions; and, as a result, understanding application deadlines becomes an important part of the process. Several of the Federal programs are managed through the state's congressional delegation and are distributed as federal appropriations.

This list below is not all inclusive; but, does identify many of the programs that are commonly used by Montana communities for the funding of capital infrastructure and equipment. State and Federal grant and loan programs include:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – The intent of this program is to benefit low and moderate-income families. In most cases, the community (or Census Designated Place (CDP)) in which these funds are intended to be used must satisfy certain income and/or poverty level thresholds. Past census information would suggest that at least some of the communities/places within Sanders County meet those thresholds. Categories in which funding can be applied for include:

Planning Grants of up to \$20,000 for the preparation of capital improvements plans, preliminary engineering reports for water/wastewater projects, preliminary architectural reports to address deficiencies of an existing building or the need for a new facility, and other planning activities.

Public Facilities Grants of up to \$450,000 for public infrastructure improvements, and public facilities such as nursing homes and senior centers.

Housing and Neighborhood Renewal Grants of up to \$450,000 to rehabilitate or demolish substandard housing, facilitate new construction, and perform neighborhood renewal projects such as improving or constructing sidewalks or parks.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program that provides emergency assistance to units of general local government to acquire foreclosed or abandoned structures to rehabilitate, resell, or redevelop these units in order to stabilize neighborhoods and provide affordable housing for income eligible households.

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) is a program of the US Department of Agriculture and provides zero percent interest loans to local utilities, who in turn pass through to local businesses for projects that create and retain employment in rural areas. Eligible projects include facilities and equipment that support education and training for rural residents as well as medical care for rural residents.

The Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) is a federally funded, state managed program that funds transportation related projects designed to strengthen Montana's intermodal transportation system. The CTEP allows for the implementation of a variety of non-traditional projects including construction of new or replacement of old sidewalks on publicly owned property or easements.

Safe Routes to School - is a federally funded, state managed, competitively awarded, reimbursement program. Funding is made available to Montana communities to encourage elementary and middle school children to walk or bicycle to and create more enjoyable routes to school.

Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) – administered by the MT Department of Commerce, this program provides grants of up to \$750,000 for public works infrastructure, including water and wastewater systems, storm sewers, solid waste disposal and separation systems, and bridges. Planning grants for preliminary engineering up to \$15,000 are also available. TSEP grants require various levels of matching funds. Applications are accepted biannually and legislative approval is required.

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Renewable Resource Grant And Loan (RRGL) Program – Public facility projects including drinking water, wastewater and solid waste development and improvement projects have received funding through this program. Other renewable resource projects that have been funded include irrigation rehabilitation, dam repair, soil and water conservation and forest enhancement. Grants are available of up to \$100,000 for projects protecting, preserving, or enhancing natural and renewable resources.

Grants for preliminary engineering, up to \$8,000, are also available. Loans are also available, with the funding cap limited by the applicant's debt capacity. Applications accepted biannually and legislative approval is required.

Montana State Revolving Fund (SRF) – administered by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, low interest loans are available for up to 100% of eligible water and wastewater project costs with no local match required. Project must be on the SRF project priority list and have documentation of health/pollution problems or concerns. Applications are accepted based on eligibility and available funding.

Intermediate Term Capital Program (INTERCAP) – the Montana Board of Investments administers this program of low interest loans of up to 100% of the project cost with no local match required. Loan term limited to 15 years, the useful life of the project, or any borrower term limit set by statute. Loans can be used for infrastructure projects, vehicles and equipment, and energy retrofit projects, and are based on the community's ability to repay. Applications accepted based on eligibility and available funding. Loans up to \$1,000,000 may be directly approved by the director of the program.

Rural Improvement Districts (RID) - can be used for road and street improvements, sidewalks, lighting, and other public improvements. An RID is formed in the area of the improvements and the affected property owners are obligated to repay the project costs or a portion thereof. Payments are generally spread over a 15 to 20-year period; and, are recovered as direct assessments on the property tax statement. Montana Codes identify a specific process for creation of these districts.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks – The Land and Water Conservation Fund has approved projects such as ball fields, public parks, golf courses, outdoor pools, and trails. The fund requires applicants to be prepared to pay for the entire project before being reimbursed for up to 50% of allowable costs. The FWP Recreational Trails Program funds development of trails and trailside facilities.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grants provide funding for trail development and construction; development of trailside facilities; and, educational and safety projects related to trails. This program is funded annually and does require a 20% local sponsor match.

Community Facilities Grants and Loans - USDA Rural Development –community facilities such as health care clinics, police and fire stations, schools and child care centers are eligible for loans and loan guarantees.

The Tourism Infrastructure Investment Program (TIIP) - through the Montana Department of Commerce invests a portion of the Montana Commerce Department's "bed tax" funding into new tourism-related infrastructure products, the enhancement of existing tourism facilities, and the preservation of Montana's heritage and cultural treasures. Non-profit sponsors or

communities are eligible to apply for TIIP funds. The funds are awarded on an annual basis through a competitive application process. Sponsors are required to invest \$1 for every \$2 in TIIP Grant funds received for their project. The minimum TIIP grant is \$20,000.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program provides funds to states, territories, Indian tribal governments, communities, and universities for hazard mitigation planning and the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. Funding these plans and projects reduces overall risks to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on funding from actual disaster declarations. PDM grants are to be awarded on a competitive basis and without reference to state allocations, quotas, or other formula-based allocation of funds. The PDM program is currently in limbo; and, future funding of the program is questionable.

Following presidential declared state-wide emergencies (flood, fire, earthquake, etc.), monies are set aside under the Hazard Mitigation program administered by the State's Department of Disaster & Emergency Services. These funds can be used to address projects and programs contained within the County's Disaster Mitigation Plan.

FEMA/DHS also provide grants for necessary planning and improvements to enhance safety and security of the area and its infrastructure. Programs include the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Program and the Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP). Applications accepted based on available funding.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grants – utilizing funds generated by aviation fuel taxes and ticketing fees, the FAA provides grant funds to airports meeting FAA criteria. Grants are provided on a 95% funding level (with 5% local match required) and can be used for equipment, facility and infrastructure improvements that are directly related to aviation operations.

Private Foundations - There are numerous foundations and private sources of both grant and loan money available that can sometimes be used for capital expenditures. Local examples would include PPL, Montana; Blackfoot Communications; Town Pump; Dennis and Phyllis Washington; and Avista Utilities. Generally, these programs are often very competitive and entirely discretionary on the part of the grantor and thus may not be as reliable a source of funding as the state and federal programs listed above. Private funding is usually limited to fairly small amounts and targeted at specific needs (e.g., landscaping and enhancement, purchase of life safety equipment, parks & playgrounds, etc.).

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### € **Asset Inventory**

The County Clerk & Recorder does maintain a listing of assets that is used in compiling the depreciation schedule as part of the yearly audit process. But, it appears as though the list is not all inclusive. And, it does not appear as though individual departments consistently track all of their capital equipment, vehicle and/or land assets.

It is recommended that a comprehensive listing of all capital assets (regardless of asset age or depreciation status) be prepared by the County. This listing should reside in a singular location (most likely with the Clerk & Recorder as a companion to the depreciation schedule) and should be updated on a yearly basis (presumably concurrent with the development of the annual County Budget and CIP Update (see below)).

The most significant quantity of assets resides in 3 departments – Road & Bridge, Sheriff/Detention/Dispatch/Search & Rescue, and Solid Waste. It is recommended that these departments be the initial priority in developing their comprehensive, accurate lists of assets.

### € **Land Assets**

In reviewing the asset/depreciation list, it became apparent that there were multiple parcels/land assets that could not be readily identified.

It is recommended that the Land Services Department investigate and clearly identify the location, size and use of all parcels owned by the County. This list should be updated on a yearly basis (presumably concurrent with the development of the annual County Budget).

### € **Disposal of Assets**

In reviewing the asset/depreciation list and in conducting the department interviews, the issue of unutilized land, equipment and vehicle assets was discussed. In some cases, these assets are used for back-up purposes: such as sheriff patrol vehicles for reserve deputies or to accommodate patrol vehicles in for repair or servicing; equipment that “floats” between the road districts to allow for uninterrupted service when one district’s equipment is being repaired or serviced; or, equipment that is being used as a parts source for repair and maintenance needs. In some cases, land assets will be developed under long range improvement or park/recreation plans.

However, it appears as though there are numerous vehicles, pieces of equipment, and land assets that are not necessary to meet operational needs or long range planning requirements.

It is recommended that unnecessary/unutilized assets (be it vehicle, equipment or land) be considered for disposition. Disposition of any existing assets should follow all Montana Codes for such action.

## € **Capital Improvement Fund**

Montana law (under Title 7, Local Government; Chapter 6, Financial Administration And Taxation; Part 6, Local Government Accounting; Montana Codes Annotated) allows for the establishment of a Capital Improvement Fund for the replacement, improvement, and acquisition of property, facilities, or equipment that costs in excess of \$5,000 and that has a life expectancy of 5 years or more. This fund can be used to set aside monies on a yearly basis (and, be carried over from year to year) to provide dollars for needs identified within the CIP.

It is recommended that the County Commissioners (in association with the County Attorney, County Treasurer and County Clerk and Recorder) investigate the establishment of such a fund and determine if this would be a viable method of helping to fund some of the long term, more expensive capital needs.

## € **Road & Bridges**

Interviews with members of the Road District staff suggest general satisfaction with the current state of the cooperation and coordination between the district and the use of shared resources. However, there does appear to be questions connected to the existing layout of the road districts and the areas of coverage/responsibility. Although not directly a capital item, the operational efficiency of the road department directly affects the bottom line fiscal status; and, as a result, directly affects the type and quantity of capital infrastructure projects (paving, culverts, bridges, etc.) that can be accomplished by County forces.

It is recommended that the county evaluate the current district boundaries/layout to determine if there are any potential reconfigurations that could improve the efficiency of the coverage by the individual districts.

It is also recommended that the County investigate the potential for additional joint maintenance agreements with other agencies for activities such as plowing and patching. Examples may be the City of Thompson Falls for Cherry Creek Road and roads on the north side of the city; and, Lake County or the BIA for roads within the Dixon and Perma areas. Cooperative work by agencies in closer proximity to specific road sections may be able to result in savings to Sanders County.

Further, it is recommended that at least a basic Pavement/Road Management Program be established for paved county roads within each district. A PM program can allow the districts to identify and track the road segments most in need of repair; identify those roads with the highest traffic volumes; develop a functional classifications system; and, help allocate dollars and resources to the areas of greatest need or functional value.

## € **Sanders County Fairgrounds**

The Fairgrounds staff has identified a relatively aggressive list of proposed capital projects. While it's commendable that long term improvements are being evaluated, it is recommended that additional consideration be given to the proposed projects and improvements. Not necessarily in any order of importance, it is recommended that the following issues be given consideration relative to the proposed projects.

- Relative value of the proposed improvements in relation to the overall Fairgrounds Department budget (including annual fair revenues)
- Benefit of the project expenditures relative to the project cost
- Potential reduction in operating and/or repair costs and/or potential increase in revenue resulting from proposed improvements
- Potential increased revenue as a result of the proposed improvements
- Development of more defined cost estimates and work scopes prior to inclusion of projects within capital budgets
- Development of a more defined project priority listing

## € **Detention Facility**

Detention staff have identified that a desired improvement would be the placement of a roof over the outdoor exercise yard (to allow use during periods of snow and/or rain). However, given the current construction of the exercise yard (chain link fencing with a chain link cover) – it does not appear that though the structural components are in place to accommodate a metal roof structure (that could accommodate the weight of the roof; snow loads, wind loads, etc.). As such, a new structure would need to be designed and installed to provide for covering of the yard. It is recommended that this item be considered as a longer-term project (beyond the initial 5-year planning horizon) while other, higher priority projects are undertaken (i.e. kitchen improvements; intake isolation door; storage; etc.).

## € **Hot Springs Airport**

Several equipment acquisitions and capital improvements have been suggested at the Hot Springs Airport. These include: purchase of snow plow and mower dedicated to the Airport (rather than use equipment from the adjacent road department shop facility); construction of a pilot's lounge with courtesy car garage; and, reconstruction of the runway and taxiways.

It is recommended that additional evaluation of the use and long-term, strategic needs of the airport is undertaken. By all accounts, there is limited use of the existing airport; and, airports are located nearby in Plains, Polson and Ronan. Further, there is indication that the airport in its current status does not meet FAA minimum requirements. The Commissioners should evaluate the level of improvements to serve a remote airport for such a small community; and, to determine if the cost of the operations of the facility can be justified against other needs within the county.



## € **Grants and Loans**

As outlined in the section on Funding Opportunities, there are many grant and loan opportunities available from Federal, State and Private sources and programs. Sanders County is encouraged to aggressively pursue these grants and loans for all eligible projects. It would be recommended that these efforts utilize a combination of the resources available through county staff; professional consultants; and, community development resources such as the Lake County and Sanders County Community Development Corporations.

At a minimum, these grants and loans can allow the county to leverage available local funds to provide the best possible opportunity to meet the county's capital needs. At a maximum, there are several projects that cannot undertaken without the use of grant and/or loan funds. These would include projects such as the Courthouse Expansion; Jail Expansion; Paradise Sewer System; Airport Improvements; and Fairgrounds Pavilion.

## € **Project Definition and Projected Costs**

As can be seen from the Capital Needs List, a reasonably comprehensive identification of capital equipment, vehicle, facility and project needs has been identified. However, many of those items had limited definition of the scope of the item/project. As a result, it is difficult to identify an estimate cost associated with that item/project (in most cases, these items have been identified as TBD (To Be Determined) in the Capital Needs List).

As a result, it is recommended that project/item scopes be better defined; and, estimated costs should be associated with each project/item before it is considered within the annual capital budget allocations. (Ideally, this would be undertaken in association with the CIP evaluation and prioritization process described below.)

## € **Yearly CIP Update**

This initial CIP is a critical beginning to improving the manner in which Sanders County allocates scarce financial resources towards necessary capital purchases, acquisitions and projects. However, to be most effective on a long-term basis, the CIP must be treated as a true "living document".

It is recommended that CIP projects and purchases be evaluated on a yearly basis as part of the annual budget development process. Completed purchases and projects can be removed from the needs list; purchases and projects can be re-prioritized; new items can be added to the needs list; and, estimated costs can be further refined.

As mentioned elsewhere, an unsophisticated methodology is utilized in setting priorities in this initial CIP. However, it is recommended that the Commissioners consider a more formalized prioritization methodology that can be utilized as part of the yearly CIP update/evaluation process. A better defined prioritization methodology will help to maximize the opportunity for the most effective spending of limited capital dollars.

And, it is suggested that the entire CIP be reconsidered every 10 years. The manner of evaluation can be reconsidered; new methodologies for prioritization can be developed; the project needs lists can be reconsider; and, new plan recommendations can be considered.

# **APPENDIX A**

## **Existing Capital Assets Listing**

# APPENDIX A

## SANDERS COUNTY CIP Existing Capital Asset Inventory

### Category

PUBLIC FACILITIES	Asset	Asset Number	Value	Acquis. Date	Useful Life	Notes
	Buildings					
	Dist #2 Machine Shop	9200002	\$15,300	01/01/50	40	
	Dist #2 Quonset Shop	9200003	\$9,000	01/01/50	40	
	Dist #2 Shop	9200004	\$37,500	01/01/50	40	
	Fairgrounds	9200005	\$284,765	01/01/50	40	
	Dist #1 Hanger/shop	9200006	\$13,680	01/01/50	40	
	Dist #1 Shop	9200008	\$42,500	01/01/50	40	
	Weed/Shop	9200009	\$22,500	01/01/50	40	
	Courthouse	9200010	\$1,018,818	01/01/50	40	
	museum	9200012	\$43,200	01/01/50	40	
	Dist #3 Shop	9200014	\$46,000	01/01/50	40	
	Dist #3 Shop	9200015	\$8,500	01/01/50	40	
	Dist #3 Shop	9200016	\$14,175	01/01/50	40	
	Courthouse	92000010	\$2,964	01/01/50	40	
	Search & Rescue Building	9200018	\$12,831	12/29/95	40	
	Jail	9200011	\$225,998	07/31/97	40	
	Jail	9200011	\$2,102	07/31/97	40	
	Transmitter Shed	9200017	\$10,373	11/28/97	40	

Bookmobile Garage	92000019	\$6,080	12/31/97	40
Bldg Addition	9200020	\$8,080	02/27/98	40
Courthouse Roof	9200021	\$80,440	07/30/99	40
Courthouse remodeling	9200023	\$62,779	09/30/00	40
Sheriff's Remodeling	9200024	\$12,000	02/28/01	40
16X32 Storage	9200025	\$6,160	07/31/01	40
24X28 Shop	7000012	\$14,531	03/29/02	40
Steel Building	9550012	\$28,107	10/31/05	40
Old Jail Museum	700013	\$17,916	04/30/08	30
Plains Shop Addition	5250137	\$89,340	05/29/09	30
Fair Building	8250028	\$71,109	11/01/09	40
Road Building Hot Springs	9200027	\$37,978	11/01/09	40
Plains Road Department Addition	9200026	\$57,162	01/01/10	40
Concrete wall, pad, fountain for Courthouse lawn	7500001	\$43,210	01/11/11	40
TEK Supply Salt Shed	6250002	\$16,947	04/01/11	40
Road #2 well for Road Shop	6250001	\$26,266	05/01/11	40
Fair Concessions	8250029	\$139,699	08/01/11	40

#### Fairgrounds - Buildings & Structures

Fencing	8250018	-	9/30/94	10
Fairground Improvements	8251000	-	10/31/95	30
Fairground Improvements	8251001	-	10/31/95	30
Bleacher Platform	8250034	-	7/31/00	30
Well Renovation (Fair)	8250044	-	6/29/01	30

Arena & Grandstand Renovation	8250045	-	5/31/02	30
Arena & Grandstand Renovation	8250045	-	5/31/02	30
Facilities & Building Improvements	8250047	-	7/30/04	40
Fair Improvements	8251002	-	8/31/05	30
Fair Improvements	8251002	-	8/31/05	30
Beef Barn & Beer Booth Improvements	8251003	-	7/31/06	30
Fair Improvements	8251006	-	9/28/08	5
Concessions	9700004	\$36,218	6/1/10	-

#### **Solid Waste - Buildings & Structures**

Transfer Station	1750010	\$309,909	2/17/93	40
Fencing at Transfer Station	1750026	\$1,499	9/30/94	5
40' X 60' York Shop	1750047	\$71,064	6/3/04	40

#### **Parks - Land**

Green Mountain	Hwy 135	11 acres/undeveloped
Frontier River	Hwy 135	2.2 acres/undeveloped
Paradise Ranchettes	Hwy 135	1.77 acres/undeveloped
Lonepine Townsite	Lonepine	2.094 acres/undeveloped
Salish Shores	Salish Shores Dr.	11.2 acres/undeveloped
TammerLane/Cherry Creek	Clark Fork Rd.	2.07 acres/boat launch & rural fire fill site
TammerLane/Osprey Drive	Clark Fork Rd.& Osprey Dr. E	1.12 acres/undeveloped

Tammerlane/ Ponderosa Ln 1	Ponderosa Ln.	4.41 acres/undeveloped
Tammerlane/ Ponderosa Ln 2	Ponderosa Ln.	5.25 acres/undeveloped
Tammerlane/Gable Road	Gable Rd.& Wapiti Point Dr.	4.02 acres/undeveloped
Tammerlane/ Wapiti Point Drive	Wapiti Point Dr.	1.94 acres/undeveloped
Tammerlane/ Tamarack Lane	Tamarack Ln & Ponderosa Ln.	9.66 acres/undeveloped
Vermilion Point Frontages 1	Vermillion Point Rd.	0.6 acres/undeveloped resevoir accrss
Vermilion Point Frontages 2	Vermillion Point Rd.	0.9 acres/undeveloped
Noxon Townsite	Front St.	0.383 acres/undeveloped
Heron Townsite 1	Depot St.	13.4 acres/baseball field, basketball court
Heron Townsite 2	School St.	9 acres/undeveloped
Cabinet Gorge Lake Estates 1	Golden Pond Ln.	2.21 acres/boat ramp
Cabinet Gorge Lake Estates 2	Golden Pond Ln.	3.93 acres/undeveloped
Larchwood Southshores	Southshores Dr	2.89 acres/undeveloped
Small Town	Pilgrim Crk. Rd.	3.97 acres/undeveloped

#### Parks - Facilities

Heron Boat Ramp	9300001	\$12,500	1/31/06	30
Aspen Vault toilet	9300002	\$9,900	5/31/06	10
Cheery Creek Boat Dock	9300003	\$24,158	6/29/07	30

#### Solid Waste (Structures & Equipment)

T. Falls Container Site	1750013	\$10,000	7/1/90	5
Plains Container Site	1750014	\$33,528	7/1/90	5
D-6 Cat	1750018	\$12,000	7/1/90	10
1979 Intl' Truck	1750030	\$29,500	11/30/91	10
Bucket Cat 955K	1750009	\$32,000	5/1/92	10
Roll off boxes	1750005	\$102,699	7/1/92	5
Noxon Container Site	1750012	\$15,812	7/1/92	5
Heron Container site	1750015	\$56,411	7/1/92	5
Trout Creek Container Site	1750016	\$20,322	9/1/92	5
Baler Equipment	1750008	\$175,000	2/17/93	10
1992 Case Uniloaders/Forks	1750003	\$20,776	8/1/93	10
1994 Tow Tem Trailer	1750004	\$18,470	7/1/94	10
1985 Theu Van Trailer	1750011	\$33,000	8/1/94	10
Tools & Tool Chests	1750025	\$1,079	8/31/94	5
Containers	1750032	\$23,500	2/28/96	5
1991 Peterbilt	1750033	\$45,000	4/30/96	10
Melroe 72" Sweeper	1750017	\$2,795	7/31/96	5
1997 Tow Tem Drop Box Transfer Trailer	1750034	\$19,750	8/31/96	10
Containers	1750035	\$15,537	6/30/97	5
Bobcat ski Steer Loader	1750001	\$20,378	10/22/97	10
Containers	1750038	\$17,860	7/31/98	5
1987 Kenworth T6	1750037	\$0	10/31/98	10
46-YD Drop Box w/ Winch	1750039	\$7,100	10/29/99	5
46-YD Drop Box w/ Winch	1750040	\$7,100	10/29/99	5



2001 Wilkins Load Runner Transfer Trailer	1750043	\$48,392	8/31/01	10
2000 Kenworth Truck	1750044	\$0	1/31/02	10
1998 GMC Sierra-Blue	1750045	\$14,100	11/29/02	10
Bobcat skid Steer Loader	1750046	\$15,050	10/31/03	10
40 YD Roll Off Container	1750048	\$5,835	10/31/05	5
40 YD Roll Off Container	1750049	\$5,835	10/31/05	5
2001 Chevy Pickup	1750050	\$14,500	6/30/06	5
PR-9 Baler	1750051	\$203,941	4/30/07	10
Cement Stall	1750036	\$4,980	6/30/08	5
R/O 4022 Container	1750052	\$8,395	10/31/08	5
R/O 4022 Container	1750053	\$8,395	10/31/08	5
2002 Volvo Chassis	1750054	\$72,548	2/27/09	10
Roll off Unit	1750055	\$42,928	4/30/09	10
2004 Peterbilt	1750037	\$46,000	11/1/09	10
1999 W 900B Kenworth	1750042	\$34,500	11/1/09	10
1999 Dodge Charger	1750043	\$12,500	12/1/09	5
1989 International Truck 2375	1750056	\$0	1/6/10	10
Waste Oil Heater	1750038	\$10,845	3/1/10	10
1999 Ford Pickup	1750044	\$3,500	3/1/10	5
1999 Ford Pickup	1750045	\$3,500	3/1/10	5
2009 Bradord Trailer	1750039	\$2,360	5/1/10	5
Trail Kind Trailer	1750040	\$5,000	5/1/10	5

John Deere 70D Excavator	1750041	\$21,750	5/1/10	10	
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	Asset	Asset Number	Value	Acquis. Date	Useful Life	Notes
Equipment						
Fair						
	John Deer Mower	8250046	\$11,950	7/30/04	10	
	John Deere 2030 Pro Gater	8251004	\$10,000	10/31/07	5	
	6X6 Walk In Freezer	8251005	\$6,908	7/31/08	5	

Bookmobile						
	1986 Chevy Van Bookmobile	460000	-	1/1/93	10	
	2000 Ford E450 Adventure III Bookmobile	460002	\$93,639	10/31/07	10	

PUBLIC SAFETY	Asset	Asset Number	Value	Acquis. Date	Useful Life	Notes
Sheriff						
	1993 Chevy Caprice Blk & White	9500001	\$24,113	1/1/93	10	
	1994 Ford Explorer 4X4	9500074	\$26,830	11/30/94	10	
	Spectra A9 VHF Mobile Radios	9500037	\$10,424	8/31/95	5	
	1991 Chevy Caprice Blue	9500063	\$6,100	8/31/95	10	

1993 Chevy Caprice Blk & White	9500005	\$24,113	10/1/96	10
1998 Jeep Cherokee	9500113	\$25,706	12/31/97	10
Savin 9920 Cpier	9500041	\$5,545	1/29/99	5
1999 Chevy Tahoe White	9500007	\$28,247	2/12/99	10
1999 Chevy Lumina Driftwood	9500106	\$16,766	2/12/99	10
1999 Chevy Tahoe White	9500107	\$28,247	2/12/99	10
Trane LP Furnace & Air Conditioner	9500111	\$28,763	6/30/00	10
1997 Chevy Tahoe	9500115	\$0	9/30/00	10
2001 Chevy Tahoe	9500117	\$28,400	10/31/01	10
Moseley Digital Radio System	9500118	\$38,099	12/31/01	10
Quantro Base Station	9500119	\$10,277	2/28/02	10
Microwave Backup System	9500120	\$30,745	8/30/02	10
Centracom Radio System	9500121	\$24,128	11/29/02	10
Centracom Radio System	9500121	\$6,160	11/29/02	10
2002 Chevy Tahoe	9500122	\$29,100	12/31/02	10
2003 Chevy Impala	9500124	\$12,500	1/30/04	10
2004 Chevy impala	9500125	\$13,700	3/31/04	10
2003 Chevy Impala	9500126	\$13,900	7/30/04	10
2004 Dodge Durango	9500127	\$30,962	10/29/04	10
2004 Dodge Durango	9500128	\$27,862	10/29/04	10
2002 Dodge Durango	9500129	\$0	2/28/05	10
Live Scan Fingerprint System	9500130	\$24,527	8/31/05	10

2005 Dodge Durango	9500131	\$20,427	5/31/06	5
2006 Dodge Durango	9500132	\$35,187	6/30/06	5
2006 Dodge Durango	9500134	\$18,921	11/30/06	5
2006 Dodge Durango	9500135	\$18,811	11/30/06	5
2003 Chevy Tahoe	9500133	\$20,000	12/29/06	5
2006 GMC Yukon	9500136	\$29,500	3/31/09	5
Ford Expedition Vin #1FMJU1G59BEF13778	9500137	-	11/1/10	5
Ford Expedition Vin #1FMJU1G59BEF13779	9500138	-	11/1/10	5

#### Search & Rescue

1988 Chev. PK 3/4 ton	9550008	\$0	1/1/92	10
1989 Chevrolet Suburban K2500	9550002	\$0	12/29/95	10
1997 Woodridge Boat & 1997 E-Z Load Trailer	9550004	\$12,500	9/30/98	10
2000 Chevy Pickup	9550009	\$22,200	4/30/01	10
2009 4X4 Kubota	9550013	\$17,500	2/27/09	5
2009 Interstate 25' Cargo Trailer	9550014	\$9,676	2/27/09	5

#### 911

911 Computer Network, Software & Setup	4240001	\$29,745	8/30/96	10
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911 Computer Network, Software & Setup	424001	\$6,750	8/30/96	10
Generator & Transfer Switch	4240005	\$10,000	6/30/99	30
Generator & Transfer Switch	424005	\$77,476	6/30/99	30
Dispatch Console	4240013	\$11,227	2/28/03	10
8183SM Atomic Clokc	4240006	\$6,626	1/30/04	5
Mercom Pro 16 Recorder	4240014	\$17,430	7/30/04	10
Watson Basik Dispatch Console	4240015	\$6,720	3/31/06	10
APC Symmeta LX	4240016	\$7,125	4/28/06	5
24 Channel Logging System	4240017	\$21,745	3/30/07	5
Enhanced 911 Phone System	4240018	\$109,327	7/31/07	5
Pats Knob Communications	4240019	\$317,737	6/30/08	5
Ice Centracom Communication Equipment	4240020	-	4/31/11	5

## TRANSPORTATION

### Bridges (from asset depreciation list)

New Approach Thompson River Road	5250130	\$15,000	7/31/02	30
Everson Bridge	9700003	\$33,189	9/30/02	30
TF High Bridge	9700004	\$104,694	1/31/06	30
Heron Bridge	9700005	\$105,121	9/29/06	30
East End Bridge	9700006	\$40,800	11/30/06	30
Martin Creek Bridge	9700007	\$158,415	6/30/08	30

Hot Springs Bridge	9700008	\$44,909	6/11/09	30
Trout Creek Bridge	9700009	\$20,017	6/30/09	30
Hot Springs Bridge	9700006	\$3,165	8/1/09	40
Martin Creek Bridge	9700005	\$564,334	2/1/10	40
High Bridge	9700003	\$658,929	6/1/10	-
Rock Creek Bridge	9700002	-	6/30/10	-
Revais Creek Bridge	9700007	\$78,432	3/1/11	30
EkBlad Bridge	9700008	\$51,827	9/1/11	30

**Bridges (Off System list by Kathy Matthew via Road Dept)**

Cabinet Gorge Resv 047		1922	FO Rehab	Noxon
Clark Fk/Birdlnd Bay 001		1928	Not Deficient	2M W Thompson Falls
West Fork Thompson River		1934	FO Rehab	11M NE Thompson Falls
Cabinet Gorge Res 049		1952	FO Replace	1M W Heron
Martin Creek 026		1968	Not Deficient	7M S Noxon
Pilgrim Creek 053		1972	Not Deficient	E Noxon
Flathead River 075		1972	Not Deficient	10M W Ronan
Vermillion River		1972	Not Deficient	3M E Trout Cr
Prospect Creek 005		1973	Not Deficient	1 SW Thompson Falls
Little Thompson Riv 091		1974	Not Deficient	19M N Plains
Clark Fork	085	1975	Not Deficient	1M SW Plains
Elk Creek	100	1976	Not Deficient	1M E Heron
Thompson River 062		1976	Not Deficient	23M N Plains
Little Beaver Creek 018		1978	Not Deficient	11 NW Thompson Falls

Beaver Creek 019		1978	Not Deficient	12 NW Thompson Falls
Prospect Creek 006		1978	Not Deficient	3 SW Thompson Falls
Camas Creek 002		1978	Not Deficient	6M N Perma
Little Bitterroot Rv 070		1978	Not Deficient	8M E Hot Springs
Beaver Creek 022		1982	Not Deficient	2 NW White Pine
Trout Creek 025		1982	Not Deficient	2M W Trout Creek
Fish Trap Creek		1982	Not Deficient	20M NE Thompson Falls
Swamp Creek 030		1986	Not Deficient	5M N Trout Cr
Little Bitterroot 074		1986	Not Deficient	12M W Ronan
Elk Creek	051	1988	Not Deficient	4M S Heron
Thompson River		1988	Not Deficient	30M SW Marion
Irrigation Canal 069		1991	Not Deficient	4M N Lonepine
Thompson River 040		1991	Not Deficient	30M SW Marion
Valley Creek 015		1991	Not Deficient	7M SE Dixon
Little Bitterroot 060		1991	Not Deficient	13M N Camas
Elk Creek	048	1992	Not Deficient	2M SE Heron
Elk Creek	057	1992	Not Deficient	2M S Heron
Camas Creek 016		1992	Not Deficient	E Perma
Thompson River		1992	FO Rehab	26M NE Thompson Falls
Elk Creek	050	2001	Not Deficient	4M S Heron
Little Bitterroot Rv 079		2002	Not Deficient	9M SE Hot Springs
Little Bitterroot Rv 092		2002	Not Deficient	9M NE Hot Springs

Warm Spring Creek 093	2009	Not Deficient	4M E Hot Springs
Big Rock Creek	2009	FO	35M SW Marion
Trout Creek 054	2010	Not Deficient	1M W Trout Cr
Hot Springs Creek 101	2010	Not Deficient	NE Hot Springs

Equipment & Vehcles	Asset	Asset Number	Value	Acquis. Date	Useful Life	Notes
Road District # 1	1974 Ford Dump Truck	5250054	\$10,000	1/1/74	10	
	1975 Ford 1975	5250053	\$10,000	1/1/75	5	
	1981 International	5250041	\$23,000	1/1/81	10	
	1982 Ford White	5250023	\$24,000	1/1/89	5	
	1989 Ford F 350 4X4 Red	5250024	\$16,500	1/1/89	5	
	1989 L 70 Loader	5250033	\$42,000	1/1/89	10	
	1988 Hommade 20T Tandum Trailer	5250052	\$10,000	1/1/89	5	
	Flail Mower	5250019	\$8,700	1/1/90	5	
	1990 Ford Red	5250025	\$13,600	1/1/90	5	
	1992 L 70 Loader	5250018	\$58,500	1/1/92	10	
	120 G Cat Grader	5250028	\$29,000	1/1/93	10	
	1988 T800 Kenworth	5250042	\$37,800	1/1/93	10	
	Hwy Sander	5250073	\$8,800	1/1/93	5	
	930 Case Tractor	5250050	\$5,000	6/30/94	5	
	Hyster Forklife Type G	5250096	\$5,750	9/30/94	5	
	1990 T800 Kenworth	5250095	\$43,508	10/31/94	10	
	Busby Belly Dump	5250066	\$7,500	3/31/95	5	
	1995 Eager Beaver Lowboy	5250007	\$24,000	8/31/95	10	



1989 T800 Kenworth Green	5250017	\$28,750	8/31/95	10
1995 Roscoe Broom RB48	5250055	\$28,000	8/31/95	10
16' Hwy Sander	5250097	\$1,100	11/30/95	10
1972 Diamond Reo Truck	5250103	\$14,000	7/31/96	10
1991 T800 Kenworth Blue	5250105	\$34,950	8/31/96	10
Fuel Vault System	5250107	\$15,310	10/31/96	40
Henke Plow	5250112	\$7,514	12/31/97	5
Ingersol Rand Roller	5250113	\$21,500	4/30/98	10
1963 Fruhauf Belly Dump	5250011	\$8,000	7/31/98	5
1997 Ford Pick up	5250015	\$18,500	10/30/98	10
Screen Plant	5250114	\$20,000	10/30/98	10
1977 Chipper	5250116	\$15,000	7/30/99	5
RA 235 Reznor Waste Oil Heater & Fuel Tank	5250117	\$6,650	9/30/99	5
1990 Komatsu wheel Loader	5250118	\$36,400	11/30/99	10
15' Dump box	5250123	\$15,000	7/31/00	5
95 T800 Kenworth Green	5250124	\$33,500	7/31/00	10
E2020XT 14' HYD Sander	5250125	\$11,279	10/1/00	5
Little Falls 12' Express Plow	5250126	\$7,790	10/1/00	5
12' Henke Express Plow	5250127	\$6,150	2/28/01	10
97 T800 Kenworth Teal	5250128	\$20,000	7/31/01	10
Caterpillar 140G Motor Grader	5250129	\$82,500	1/31/02	10
1995 Chevy C3500	5250131	\$12,000	8/30/02	10
John Deere 544H Loader	5250132	\$72,913	12/30/04	10
1994 T600 Kenworth	5250133	\$15,000	4/29/05	10

Water Tender	5250134	\$21,875	6/30/05	10
McMillen Auger	5250140	-	1/1/06	5
Smith Compressor Model #100-D7267	5250141	-	1/1/06	5
Monroe Spreader F208 Orange	5250142	-	1/1/06	10
Monroe Spreader F208 Orange	5250143	-	1/1/06	10
2008 F 350 Ford Pickup	5250135	\$20,990	4/30/07	5
6250 Gal Vertical Tank	5250136	\$7,946	10/31/08	5
WR75 Series 3 Walk 'N' Roll Packer/Roller	5250138	\$17,300	3/31/09	5
1986 Peterbilt Conventional 35 #1XP9D29XXGP1940 60	5250145	-	4/21/09	10
Fuel Tank & Accessories	5250139	\$32,107	4/30/09	10
1991 Chevy Bucket Truck C700 #1GM7D1G8LV1017 04	5250146	-	5/14/09	10
1992 International Truck	5250144	-	4/12/11	10

## Road District # 2

Allis Chalmer Dozer HD-16	6250037	\$25,000	1/1/69	10
1971 Ford L9001 W/Oil Dist	6250012	\$7,000	1/1/71	10
1977 Int't Truck	6250015	-	1/1/77	10
Cat Loader	6250041	\$50,000	1/1/83	10
1981 International Dump Truck	6250022	\$8,000	1/1/85	10

1981 International Dump Truck	6250027	\$8,000	1/1/85	10
1969 Page Lowboy Trailer	6250013	-	1/1/90	10
1979 International Water Truck	6250047	\$8,000	1/1/90	10
1985 Int's Dump Truck	6250018	\$22,000	1/1/92	10
1984 International Dump Truck	6250046	\$8,000	1/1/92	10
Ridge Mulcher	6250049	\$13,029	5/31/94	10
1989 Int's Truck 2375	6250053	\$19,500	10/31/94	10
Flat Allis Grader	6250068	\$124,420	1/1/96	10
Flat Allis Wheel Loader	6250065	\$99,258	6/29/96	10
Quick tack Roller	6250051	\$10,200	10/31/96	10
1985 International Truck	6250024	\$23,986	8/29/97	10
11,000 Gal Fuel Tank	6250066	\$32,574	10/31/97	10
Sweepster H96 Sweeper	6250071	\$6,940	5/31/98	10
13' Hwy Sand spreader	6250069	\$9,405	6/30/98	10
1988 Ford 450 Service Truck	6250073	-	9/30/98	10
Fuel Vault System	6250074	\$31,338	9/30/98	40
John Deere 310D Backhoe	6250078	\$47,000	2/9/99	10
Grizzly Static Rock Scalper	6250077	\$11,500	2/24/99	10
Dozer Blade	6250079	\$8,500	5/31/99	10
Hyster Grid Roller	6250080	\$5,000	5/31/99	5
1985 International Model F2574	6250083	\$14,165	5/31/00	10

1972 Freuhauf Gravel Pup	6250084	\$10,000	11/30/00	10
1963 TRMB Trailer	6250086	\$6,000	5/31/01	10
Walk N Roll Roller	6250087	\$14,270	6/29/01	10
1990 Chevy Dump Truck	6250088	\$7,500	9/28/01	10
1989 Int'L Truck	6250089	\$16,500	5/31/02	10
1989 John Deere 770B Grader	6250090	\$4,500	9/30/02	10
1974 Fontaine Drop Deck Trailer	6250091	\$9,500	9/30/02	10
John Deere 624H Loader	6250092	\$89,000	2/28/05	10
1995 International Truck	6250094	\$34,000	9/30/05	10
2003 Ford F 250 Pickup	6250095	\$13,680	10/31/05	5
1989 Burkt Lowboy Trailer	6250093	\$21,000	1/31/06	10
2001 Chevy 350 Pickup	6250097	\$14,500	10/31/06	5
1996 F2574 International	6250096	\$26,500	2/28/07	10
Hotsy Preassure Washer	6250098	\$5,000	1/31/08	5
2003 Volvo G720B Motor Grader	6250100	\$80,000	4/30/09	10
1886 Peterbilt 359K Dump Truck	6250099	\$39,500	6/30/09	10
1998 JD 6410 Tractor W/ Mower	6250101	\$27,900	6/30/09	5
2001 Freightliner Dump Truck	6250102	\$45,000	8/1/09	10
2010 F350 Ford Pickup	6250103	\$34,900	9/1/09	10
Sander	6250104	\$10,935	10/1/09	5
1999 Kenworth Truck	6250105	\$34,000	11/1/09	10
Tank Kit	6250099	-	7/1/10	5

Little Falls PR1143				
11' Reversible Snow Plow	6250106	-	4/5/11	10

### Road District # 3

1983 Flat Allis 745c Loader	725020	\$75,000	1/1/80	10
1981 Int'l S-1854 Dump	725005	\$28,000	1/1/81	10
1985 3/4 T Ford	7250076	\$10,000	1/1/85	10
1986 3/4T 4X4 Ford F 250	7250002	\$16,000	1/1/86	10
1979 Beal Belly Dump Trl	7250014	\$8,200	1/1/87	10
1984 Cat Grader	7250018	\$80,000	1/1/87	10
1984 Cat Loader	7250019	\$51,000	1/1/87	10
E2020 Highway Sander	7250032	\$8,000	1/1/88	10
E2020 Highway Sander	7250104	\$8,000	1/1/88	5
E2020 Highway Sander	7250110	\$8,000	1/1/88	10
Ethyre Chip Spreader	7250021	\$15,000	1/1/89	10
1991 Int'l Dump Truck F2574	7250012	\$32,500	1/1/91	10
1987 Ford Dump Truck	725007	\$34,000	1/1/92	10
1981 Fruehauf Lowboy	7250010	\$10,000	1/1/92	10
1986 Peerless Trailer	7250081	\$10,000	1/1/92	10
Broce Broom JR300 SP	7250040	\$17,832	1/1/93	10
Roscoe Oil Distributor	7250041	\$15,000	1/1/93	10
10,000 Gal Heated Oil Tank	7250042	\$10,000	1/1/93	10
8000 Heated Oil Tank	7250043	\$8,000	1/1/93	10

10,000 Gal Heated Oil Tank	7250112	\$10,000	1/1/93	10
1989 F8300 International	7250078	-	8/31/94	10
1989 Peterbilt Truck	7250024	\$34,300	9/30/94	10
1981 Busby Belly Dump	725009	\$7,500	3/31/95	10
1988 PeterBilt Truck	7250016	\$20,000	9/29/95	10
1988 Ford F250	7250028	-	10/31/95	10
Sander Box	7250037	\$6,856	12/29/95	5
1975 Barber Green Asphalt Plant	7250082	\$9,000	7/31/96	10
1971 Load King Belly Dump	7250083	\$12,000	8/31/96	10
1996 Caterpillar 140H Grader	7250084	\$151,192	2/28/97	10
E2020 14' Highway Sander	7250035	\$67,000	9/30/97	5
10,000 Gal Fuel Tank	7250088	\$30,794	10/31/97	10
1990 Kenworth Green	7250111	\$29,910	10/31/97	10
1993 Trail King Trailer	7250089	\$7,995	11/28/97	10
Little Falls Express Plow	7250090	\$5,375	11/28/97	5
1986 Ford Pickup F250 White #1FTHF2613GPB8264	7250138	-	1/28/98	5
1991 International Dump, Water, Plow Truck	7250151	-	1/28/98	10
1969 Fiat Allis Front End Loader	7250095	\$15,000	5/31/98	10
1987 Kenworth Truck	7250092	\$22,870	6/30/98	10
1987 Kenworth Truck	7250108	\$22,870	6/30/98	10

Williamsen Dump Box	7250094	\$8,639	7/31/98	10
Williamsen Dump Box	7250113	\$8,639	7/31/98	10
Fuel Vault System 1000B	7250096	\$12,321	9/30/98	10
Screening Plant	7250097	\$25,000	10/30/98	10
Ingersoll Rand DA50 Roller	7250098	\$15,000	7/30/99	10
140G Motor Grader	7250106	\$61,300	5/31/00	10
2000 Witzco Challenger Lowboy	7250107	\$20,970	5/31/00	10
14' Sander	7250114	\$6,000	2/28/01	10
D8K Caterpillar	7250115	\$49,800	4/30/01	10
1992 Chevy Dump Truck Red	7250116	\$8,500	10/31/01	10
1989 Blaw Knox Paver	7250117	\$28,000	3/29/02	10
2002 Williamson Dump Box	7250118	\$9,280	6/28/02	5
1980 John Deere 550-C	7250119	\$13,000	6/28/02	10
1996 Caterpillar Backhoe Loader	7250120	\$30,300	7/31/02	10
Snow Plow	7250121	\$5,594	11/29/02	5
Snow Plow	7250122	\$5,594	11/29/02	5
Final Pass Series II Road Packer	7250124	\$15,625	4/30/03	10
2000 950G Cat Loader	7250125	\$115,000	7/30/04	10
Road Compactor	7250126	\$14,200	4/29/05	10
2002 F350 Ford	7250128	\$24,988	4/29/05	10
2000 Peterbilt Truck	7250148	-	8/29/05	10
2000 Peterbilt Truck	7250129	\$29,900	8/31/05	10
1971 Load King Belly Dump	7250139	-	1/1/06	10
Toyota Fork Lift	7250140	-	1/1/06	5

40' Storage Container	7250141	-	1/1/06	5
Water Tank	7250142	-	1/1/06	5
Ford Alamo Tractor	7250149	-	1/1/06	10
Oil Tank - slow	7250152	-	1/1/06	10
Oil Tank - fast	7250153	-	1/1/06	10
CAT 4168 Backhoes	7250154	-	1/1/06	10
TrailKing TK20	7250155	-	1/1/06	10
Challenger Lowboy 2000	7250156	-	1/1/06	10
Ingersall Rand Roller DA-50	7250157	-	1/1/06	10
1990 Kenworth Plow Truck	7250158	-	1/1/06	10
Snow Plow	7250130	\$6,900	6/30/06	5
Snow Plow	7250131	\$6,900	6/30/06	5
2004 Caterpillar 140H Motor Grader	7250132	\$147,000	4/30/09	10
2010 F250 Ford Pickup	7250137	\$34,294	9/1/09	10
Snow Plow	7250133	\$10,308	1/1/10	5
2010 F250 Ford Pickup	7250137	\$33,873	1/1/10	10
Snow Plow	7250134	\$10,308	2/1/10	5
14' Sander	7250135	\$6,559	3/1/10	5
Engine 1987 Kenworth	7250146	-	5/31/10	5
Sander	7250136	\$7,041	6/1/10	5
Caterpillar Loader 972G	7250145	-	1/31/11	10
Ray Aldrich Pull Behind Road Compactor - Yellow	7250144	-	2/1/11	5
950G2 Loader repairs	7250143	-	2/28/11	5
2004 Peterbuilt Conventional 378/Blue	7250150	-	4/1/11	10



1999 Kenworth Truck	7250147	-	11/31/09	10
2002 2500 Dodge Quad Cab	7250127	\$24,848	3/831/05	10

#### Road Districts - Shared

Reed RV90 Screen Plant	9750001	\$39,000	6/30/94	30
Cat Ninewheel Roller	9750002	\$27,500	7/29/94	10
6610 Ford Tractor	9750006	\$30,700	7/31/95	10
Blawknex 180 Paver	9750008	\$9,000	11/28/97	10
60" Alamo Rotary Mower	9750009	\$6,190	10/31/03	5
2005 Ford F150 Pickup	9750010	\$19,500	1/31/07	5
1989 Eagle SPF B 200 Asphalt Plant	9750011	\$43,297	8/31/07	10
TESAB RK643S Rotocrusher	9750012	\$234,000	9/28/07	10
36"X50" Stacking conveyor	9750013	\$8,500	10/31/07	10
1986 Peterbilt W/1996 Bearcat Spreader	9750014	\$42,000	4/30/09	10
1991 Chevy C700 Bucket Truck	9750015	\$12,600	5/29/09	5
2004 Caterpillar 315c Excavator	9750016	\$50,000	5/29/09	10
2006 JD 824J Wheel Loader	9750017	\$160,000	6/30/09	10
Hyster Grid Roller	9750005	\$7,500	6/30/965	10

#### Airports

Airport Improvement Project #1	9600001	\$744,751	2/29/96	30
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TF Airport Improvements Project #2	9600005	\$349,314	7/31/00	30
Hot Springs Airport Lightin project	9600006	\$8,331	6/28/02	30
TF Airport Project #3	9600007	\$135,788	1/30/04	40
Plains Airport Project	9600008	\$20,000	9/30/04	40
Plains Airport	9600009	\$866,940	7/29/05	40
Plains Airport Improvements	9600010	\$2,905,170	7/31/06	40
TF Airport #4	9600011	\$198,826	4/30/08	30
Hot Springs Airport	9600012	\$7,800	10/31/08	5
TF Airport Improvements #5	9600013	\$23,030	5/29/09	30
Plains Airport Improvements	9600014	\$22,658	5/29/09	30
TF Airport	9600015	\$5,840	8/1/09	40
Fence @ HS Airport		\$19,625	12/1/09	
Plains Airport Improvements	9600016	\$175,251	6/1/10	40
Thompson Falls Airport Improvements	9600017	\$183,218	6/1/10	40
Thompson Falls Airport Improvements	9600018	\$17,410	11/1/10	40
Plains Airport Improvements	9700005	\$31,090	6/1/11	-

## GENERAL FUND

### Equipment

### Courthouse

Minolta Camera DR1600	1250022	\$5,450	1/1/91	5
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Micro Reader RP 606z	1250024	\$8,245	1/1/93	5
NEC II Phone system	4260002	\$26,473	10/31/97	10
Power Edge 4300 Server	1050003	\$7,037	1/30/99	10
9935 DP Salvin Copier SN #1B99870897	4260003	\$8,000	10/29/99	5
Konica 7030 Digital Copier	4260005	-	9/28/01	5
HP800 Plotter	150008	\$37,435	6/28/02	5
Canon MS 400 Scanner	1250029	\$10,362	9/30/02	5
M650 Election Scanner	4000004	\$30,000	11/30/04	10
Konica 7235 Copier	4260006	\$6,478	3/31/05	5
7235 Konica Copier	4260008	\$5,279	9/30/05	5
Thoshiba Strata CIX670	4260007	\$36,878	12/30/05	10
Ricoh Aficio MPW2400	1250030	\$11,181	4/30/08	5
John Deere Mower Model Z425ZTRAK	150011	-	1/31/11	5

#### Courthouse Facilities

John Deere Tracor 00983	7000001	\$7,917	1/1/92	10
Boiler	7000007	\$32,603	9/30/97	30
Emergency Generator	7000009	\$9,686	12/31/97	10
Fuel Vault System	7000011	\$6,852	9/30/98	10
Savin 9925 DP Copier	7500005	\$5,945	8/31/98	5

#### Weeds

RI-2000 Herbicide Sprayer	9250014	\$9,524	10/31/00	10
RI 2000 Herbicide Sprayer	9250014	\$9,524	10/31/00	10
925 Gallon Roadside Sprayer	9250017	\$10,745	1/31/08	5
2011 ARGO Avenger 700 Yellow	9250018	-	9/30/10	5

#### Undefined

Stair Project	9500011	\$11,842	12/31/98	30
SEVA Sentry System	4750003	\$9,000	8/31/04	5
Pats Knob Repeater	4750004	\$66,746	9/30/04	10
Quantar Base Station	4750005	\$105,408	6/30/05	10
Digital Interface Unit	4750006	\$6,016	10/31/05	5
Camera System		\$23,165	8/1/09	10
Pressure Washer		\$5,982	8/1/09	5
Bizhub Copier		\$11,286	10/1/09	5

#### Vehicles

##### Land Services

2003 Chevy S 10 Pickup	1500009	-	2/28/06	5
2007 Chevy Trailblazer	1500010	\$19,300	2/29/08	5
2012 Ford F-150	-	-	-	-

##### Public Health

1998 Subaru Legacy	8000006	\$11,000	10/31/02	10
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2010 Ford Escape		\$22,745	12/1/09	5
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#### Weeds

1994 F350 Ford	9250005	\$17,945	9/30/94	10
1992 F150 ford Pickup	9250007	\$10,350	6/30/95	10
1985 Toyota Pickup	9250012	\$5,500	7/31/97	10
1996 Ford Pickup	9250013	\$15,750	1/29/99	10
1997 Ford F800	9250016	\$13,410	12/31/07	5

#### Enironmental Health

2012 Ford Escape	-	-	-	-
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#### Undefined

2010 Ford Expedition		\$28,887	11/1/09	5
2010 Ford Expedition		\$28,887	11/1/09	5
2006 Ford F150		\$20,198	12/1/09	5
Zodiak Boat		\$5,306	12/1/09	5
2000 Tyoyota 4-Runner		\$8,024	3/1/10	5

## **APPENDIX B**

- \* 2011 Community Needs Assessment Survey**
- \* Community Needs Survey Summary Of Responses**
  - \* Community Needs Survey Results**



# SANDERS COUNTY

## Board of Commissioners

Dear Sanders County Resident:

There are a variety of projects that need to be undertaken throughout Sanders County that would benefit our communities, enhance our services, and generally improve overall conditions, which can't be funded by county or city budgets.

Each year the state and federal government provides funding for grants and low interest loans to improve water, sewer, healthcare facilities, crime prevention, education, and to promote economic development in the form of job creation and maintenance. We compete for these funds on a point basis based on criteria that measure impact on low-to-moderate-income families. Montana's per capita personal income rates near the bottom as compared to other states and income levels in Sanders County are some of the lowest in Montana.

To assist us in planning, implementing, and funding some of required improvements, we need your input. Your answers will only be used to compile useable statistics. The individual questionnaires are confidential. Please take a few moments to fill out the following survey and return it by mail in the preaddressed envelope, return it to one of our convenient collection points or bring it to one of the public meetings.

*Because of the importance of this survey to our county, Sanders County Community Development Corp. has agreed to donate \$50 gift certificates to reward 3 county residents who return this important document before December 23, 2011. That's three chances to win. Please take a few moments to fill out this survey.*

There will be collection boxes located at the following locations until December 23, 2011:

Heron Hens Sweet Shoppe, Store & Cafe  
Noxon Mercantile  
Local Store  
Sanders County Courthouse

Plains City Hall  
Hot Springs City Hall  
The Whistle Stop Cafe  
Dixon School

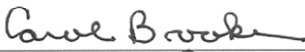
The public meetings are scheduled for 6:00pm on:

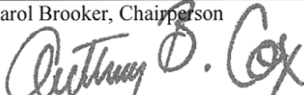
December 1 at the Courthouse in Thompson Falls,  
December 6 in Noxon at the Fire Hall  
December 8 at the Fairgrounds Pavilion in Plains

We, the Sanders County Commissioners, would like to thank you in advance for filling out this survey.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Sanders County, Montana

  
Carol Brooker, Chairperson

  
A. B. (Tony) Cox, Commissioner

  
Glen Magera, Commissioner

## SANDERS COUNTY COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2012

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. Your marital status:

- ☐ Single      ☐ Married      ☐ Divorced.      ☐ Widow/widower

2. Your gender:

- ☐ Male      ☐ Female

3. Your age:

- ☐ 19-24 years of age      ☐ 25-34 years of age      ☐ 35-44 years of age  
☐ 45-61 years of age      ☐ 62-72 years of age      ☐ 73-84 years of age  
☐ 85 years of age and over

4. Are there any other family or unrelated persons living on the same property? (number): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Excluding yourself, please fill in how many persons in your household are in each of the following groups:

_____ 0-6 years of age	_____ 35-44 years of age
_____ 7-14 years of age	_____ 45-61 years of age
_____ 15-18 years of age	_____ 62-72 years of age
_____ 19-24 years of age	_____ 73-84 years of age
_____ 25-34 years of age	_____ 85 years of age or over

6. Please check the highest education level you have completed:

- ☐ less than 9 years      ☐ 9 to 11 years      ☐ High School  
☐ Vocational/Technical School      ☐ College      ☐ Post Graduate

7. Please check the ethnic groups that are part of your household:

- ☐ African American (Black)      ☐ Hispanic      ☐ Caucasian  
☐ Asian or Pacific Islander      ☐ Tribal Member      ☐ Other

8. Does your household contain any persons who are physically or mentally disabled or handicapped?

- ☐ yes      ☐ no

9. Is your household a single-parent head of household (households composed of dependents with a single parent as a provider)? ☐ yes      ☐ no

### **HOUSING:**

10. How long have you lived in Sanders County?

- ☐ 1 year or less      ☐ 4 to 5 years  
☐ 1 to 2 years      ☐ 5 to 10 years  
☐ 2 to 3 years      ☐ 10 to 20 years  
☐ 3 to 4 years      ☐ 20 or more years

11. Do you own or rent your home? ☐ own      ☐ rent



12. If funds were available for homebuyers assistance (down payment assistance, interest buy downs, closing costs, etc.) would you participate? ☐ yes ☐ no

13. Do you live within the city limits of: ☐ Plains ☐ Hot Springs ☐ Thompson Falls ☐ other?

14. Please check your zip code:

☐ 59831 ☐ 59844 ☐ 59845 ☐ 59848 ☐ 59853  
☐ 59856 ☐ 59859 ☐ 59873 ☐ 59874 ☐ Other

15. Does your home need any of the following?

Furnace repair or replacement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Electrical wiring replacement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Plumbing repair	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Foundation repair	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Window/door repair or replacement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Roof repair or replacement	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Additional insulation	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Walls/ceiling cracks repaired	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Water well	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Septic system	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

16. If you own your own house and you were eligible for low-interest loans or grants to improve your home, would you apply for such assistance? ☐ yes ☐ no

17. Which of the following additional rental properties does Sanders County need?

Rental houses	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Lower income housing	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Apartments to rent	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Quality rentals	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
More affordable rentals	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Mobile home spaces	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Mobile home parks	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

18. Does Sanders County need more of the following housing units to purchase?

Single family homes	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Condos/Townhouses	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Mobile home spaces	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

19. Do you think there is a need to demolish vacant, severely deteriorated buildings in Sanders County?  
☐ yes ☐ no

20. Which of the following types of addition elderly housing units do you feel Sanders County needs?

Apartments for elderly	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Lower income elderly housing	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Personal care facility	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Nursing home	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Active retirement community	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Assisted Living Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

21. Would you support seeking additional funds to make improvements to or to expand affordable housing opportunities in Sanders County? ☐ yes ☐ no

22. What do you feel is Sanders County's biggest housing problem? \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLIC FACILITIES:**

23. Please check the box next to the following problems you have with drinking water to your home?  
☐ pressure ☐ taste ☐ clarity ☐ there are no problems with my water

24. If your residence is connected to a central water system, have you had to repair or replace the water service from the street to your home?  
☐ yes ☐ no ☐ no, but the service needs to be replaced

25. Would you be willing to pay higher water rates to fund improvements to the water system?  
☐ yes ☐ no

26. Do you have any problems with the sewer service at your home?  
☐ yes ☐ no

27. If your residence is connected to a central sewer system, have you had to repair or replace the sewer service from the street to your home?  
☐ yes ☐ no ☐ no, but the service needs to be repaired or replaced

28. Would you pay higher sewer rates to fund improvements to the sewer system?  
☐ yes ☐ no

29. Are the streets/roads within your community or county adequately maintained?  
☐ yes ☐ no

30. If you answered "no" to question #29 and your road is paved, what is lacking in the routine maintenance?  
☐ snow removal  
☐ patching  
☐ sweeping  
☐ other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

31. If you answered "no" to question #29 and your road is gravel, what is lacking in the routine maintenance?  
☐ snow removal  
☐ grading  
☐ dust abatement  
☐ other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

32. Many older subdivisions were developed without adequate means to maintain roads or plow snow; do you have such a road? ☐ yes ☐ no

33. Would you be in favor of a Special Improvement District (SID) for road improvements?  
☐ no  
☐ yes, for road improvements  
☐ yes, for other improvements (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

34. Are you satisfied with the present garbage collection/disposal? ☐ yes ☐ no

35. Are you satisfied with the emergency service in our community?

Police/Sheriff Protection ☐ yes ☐ needs improvement

Ambulance ☐ yes ☐ needs improvement

Fire services ☐ yes ☐ needs improvement

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

36. Does your town need a community center? ☐ yes ☐ no

37. Are the senior citizens services adequate in your County? ☐ yes ☐ no

38. Do you feel handicapped accessibility is adequate in your community? ☐ yes ☐ no

39. Should the towns provide additional parking areas for downtown business customers?

☐ yes ☐ no

40. Do you support the development and expansion of local trail systems that offer residents the opportunity to walk or bike to other areas of town? ☐ yes ☐ no

41. Do you think the local airports are adequate? ☐ yes ☐ no

42. Do you think that there are adequate transportation private or public options to assist people in getting to shopping, medical care, and other important services? ☐ yes ☐ no

43. Would you support the use of local funds or resources (equipment and labor) to make improvements or to expand the public facilities in our County? ☐ yes ☐ no

44. Would you be in favor of seeking federal grants or low interest loans to make improvements or to expand the public facilities in Sanders County? ☐ yes ☐ no

45. Would you support an increase in County taxes to pay for highly needed community improvements?

☐ yes ☐ no

46. Would you support funding a paid fire fighting or ambulance staff in your district?

☐ yes ☐ no ☐

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

47. What is the current employment status of the head of your household, (check all that apply)? ☐ employed  
☐ unemployed ☐ retired ☐ student ☐ homemaker ☐ self-employed ☐ part time

48. What is the primary occupation of the head of your household? ☐ medical ☐ retail ☐ FIRE (Finance, Insurance or Real Estate) ☐ timber industry ☐ trucking ☐ professional ☐ technical ☐ agriculture  
☐ public/private education ☐ gravel/rock mining ☐ construction ☐ tourism ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

49. What is/are the occupation(s) of the others in your household? ☐ medical ☐ retail ☐ FIRE (Finance, Insurance, Real Estate) ☐ timber industry ☐ trucking ☐ professional ☐ technical ☐ agriculture  
☐ public/private education ☐ gravel/rock mining ☐ construction ☐ tourism ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

50. How many members of your household are employed? ☐ one ☐ two ☐ three ☐ four ☐ five or more

51. Are you or any members under-employed (not working as much as you would like or at a position for which you are over-qualified)? ☐ yes ☐ no area of expertise? \_\_\_\_\_

52. Are you working at more than one job? ☐ yes ☐ no

53. Are you or any household member employed **outside** of Sanders County? ☐ yes ☐ no

Occupation: ☐ medical ☐ retail ☐ industry ☐ professional ☐ technical  
☐ agriculture ☐ gravel/rock mining ☐ construction ☐ tourism ☐ other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

54. If employed outside of Sanders County, do you travel to your job or “telecommute” using the internet?  
☐ travel ☐ telecommute

55. Do you operate a home-based business? ☐ yes ☐ no

56. If you answered “yes” to question #55, does your home-based business require access to the internet?  
☐ yes ☐ no

57. How important is access to technology (high-speed internet, computers, training) to the creation of future jobs in Sanders County?

☐ essential ☐ very important ☐ important ☐ not important  
☐ won't help ☐ I don't know

58. Would you like to see the following types of employment opportunities developed or expanded in Sanders County?

Agricultural related	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Medical-related	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Technology-related	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Light manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Heavy manufacturing	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Retail services	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Tourism/recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Mining	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Transportation/distribution	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Timber	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Biofuels	yes	no

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

59. Would you support the development of a “Technology Center” in Sanders County where local entrepreneurs could share technology resources, receive business guidance and technology training and rent space for a reasonable fee? ☐ yes ☐ no

60. Would you support using county or local funds or resources (equipment or labor) to develop or expand businesses creating job opportunities in Sanders County? ☐ yes ☐ no

61. Would you be in favor of seeking state or federal funds to develop or expand businesses creating job opportunities? ☐ yes ☐ no

62. Do you support the following community improvement projects?

Community beautification	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Removal of junk vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Dog control ordinances	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no
Control of noxious weeds	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no

63. What is your vision for Sanders County regarding growth? ☐ uncontrolled growth ☐ planned growth  
☐ no growth ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

64. What is the best way for the County to help you achieve your vision (check all that applies)?  
☐ no planning ☐ establish common goals ☐ encourage community planning ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

65. Are you in favor of salvage logging burned forest areas? ☐ yes ☐ no

66. Are you familiar with the “Firewise Community Program”? ☐ yes ☐ no

67. Would you be interested in learning more about “Firewise Communities” and “Firesafe Montana” organizations, resources and information? ☐ yes ☐ no

68. Do you feel that enough is being done to reduce wildfire threats in the county? ☐ yes ☐ no

69. Do you support forest thinning for fuel reduction purposes? ☐ yes ☐ no

70. Estimate the percentage of your total shopping purchases your household buys outside Sanders County. \_\_\_\_\_

Once again, thank you for filling out and returning this survey. The information you have provided will be helpful in applying for funding to improve and enhance our community. If you would like to be in the drawing for one of the \$50.00 gift cards, please include your name and address. Please print.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Dixon: (30)**

Housing Problem:

- lack of affordable housing/rentals
- poor quality, rundown rentals
- too many trophy homes
- abandoned mobiles/homes
- run down trailers/homes
- cheap/unsafe houses

Roads:

- lack winter sanding
- need chip sealed
- need ditches cleaned

SID:

- sidewalks
- bike path
- trails

Emergency Service:

- more funding needed
- lack of volunteers
- need bigger fire hall

Jobs:

- any job

Vision regarding growth:

- preserve agricultural land

**Heron: (68)**

Housing Problem:

- lack of low income rentals
- too many houses on the market
- poor quality
- low waged/high cost
- property owned by out of state who don't vote local
- can't afford to maintain homes
- foreclosures
- lack of senior living

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Roads:

- repave
- potholes
- dust control/washboard
- ditches need cleaned
- more gravel on roads

SID:

- city streets

Emergency Services:

- need more volunteers
- more patrols at night
- west end deputy needed

Jobs:

- no comment

Vision regarding growth:

- keep taxes low
- slow, natural growth

### **Hot Springs Rural: (37)**

Housing Problems:

- quality
- affordable
- unable to take care of existing structures/no jobs

Roads:

- need more gravel on surface

SID:

- no comment

Emergency Services;

- no comments

Jobs:

- no comment

Vision regarding growth:

- long term
- planned but not strangled

**Hot Springs City: (70)**

Housing Problems:

- cost too high
- lack of newer houses
- low income/single head of household
- lack of jobs/can't afford
- lack of quality 3-4 bedroom rentals

Roads:

- need repair

Emergency Services:

- need more volunteers
- need tribal officer

Jobs:

- no comment

Vision regarding growth:

- no comment

**Lonepine: (14)**

Housing Problems;

- no jobs/no money
- taxes
- existing homes in bad condition
- old buildings
- foreclosures
- people

Roads:

- gravel roads need paved
- snow removal is slow
- dust abatement only every other year (if lucky)



Emergency Services:

- no comment

Jobs:

- no comment

Vision regarding growth:

- no comment

**NOXON: (87)**

Housing Problems:

- depressed economy
- lack of rentals/poor quality
- price
- folks want a handout
- low quality trailers
- subdivisions
- poor quality
- affordability
- clear right of way of trees and brush
- need senior housing/assisted living
- abandoned property/homes

Roads:

- dust abatement needed
- poor patching
- pave gravel roads
- need chip sealed
- needs more sand/gravel on icy roads
- roads ok/don't raise taxes
- narrow right of way/no place to put the snow

SID:

- yes if money went for my road

Emergency Services:

- long response time
- look the other way concerning druggies
- need more deputies
- no protection

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Jobs:

- no comment

Vision regarding growth:

- tourism at junction of Hwy 56 & 200
- need vo-tech
- slow growth

### PARADISE: (39)

Housing Problems:

- high cost
- need lower income housing
- taxes too high
- no zoning laws
- deflated values
- quality elderly housing/accessible
- lack of jobs/can't afford housing
- lack of zoning

Roads:

- need gravel
- repave
- better drainage
- too narrow

SID:

- use for road crew training

Emergency Services:

- long response time
- need fire hall/volunteers based in Paradise
- need to be more professional
- need to extend rural fire district eastwardly
- need more police coverage/increase wages
- volunteer services cost lives & property
- too many officials running around already

Jobs:

- business construction, not housing
- rock mining needs more regulation

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- create jobs
- any job as long as done environmentally correct fashion
- need means of employment & way to entice businesses to locate here
- use our natural resources

Vision for growth:

- too many old people don't want growth/need jobs so young can stay here/parts manufacturing
- wages low/cost of living high
- lots of planned growth
- subdivisions ruin small towns

### PLAINS RURAL: (196)

Housing Problems:

- lack of quality rentals
- high rent
- lack of housing options
- not enough income
- too many slum lords
- no senior housing
- no building codes
- vacant houses
- foreclosures
- handicapped accessible
- zoning
- lower income family housing needed
- discourage out of state and illegal immigrants

Roads:

- washboard
- poor quality
- bad drainage/culverts
- need chip seal/paving
- paint centerline
- shoulder mowing

SID:

- water, sewer, underground power

Emergency Services:

- whether they respond depends on who you are
- need private owner for ambulance service

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- need incentives for volunteers

### Jobs:

- need to increase wages
- any employment opportunities beneficial
- let Co-Gen operate
- unleash the entrepreneurial spirit
- close down EPA/Sierra Club...open forests for logging
- renewal energy
- employment through use of natural resources
- need logging

### Vision for growth:

- keep governments hands off
- slow death
- no politicians or taxation

## PLAINS CITY: (143)

### Housing Problems:

- drugs & alcohol
- affordable rentals
- no employment
- options for seniors
- rentals in disrepair
- renters destroy homes
- quality housing
- junk/unkept yards
- too many mobiles
- need building codes

### Roads:

- need repaved
- bad pot holes

### SID:

- parks & recreation

### Emergency Services:

- training
- too many police on payroll
- too slow/need to respect personal rights

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- excellent response and caring
- need crack down on drugs

### Jobs:

- any jobs
- harvest natural resources
- high tech toys require high purity metals/develop mineral resources
- any clean development good
- need grocery/dollar store/walmart
- more logging

### Vision for growth:

- build above flood level
- Plains the armpit of Montana...junk/trash in yards
- minimal growth
- develop a master plan
- bus service to Missoula/Kalispell
- no growth till until tap into natural resources
- common folk ideas/not from out of state folks

## **THOMPSON FALLS RURAL: (193)**

### Housing Problems:

- too few rentals
- high cost
- too many on market
- poor quality
- nothing in middle market/ too low or too high
- lousy lending institutions
- no zoning
- need housing for elderly
- nothing affordable
- high property taxes
- glut of unsold houses on market
- restrictions & covenants
- more HUD funding
- energy efficient homes

### Roads:

- quit patching/needs resurfaced
- more gravel on dirt roads
- passenger rail service

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- wood retaining wall on Eddy Pk. Rd.
- no drainage/need culverts
- mowing vegetation on road sides
- one district with one department head

SID:

- no comment

Emergency Services:

- need satellite station on Blue Slide
- funding for ambulance
- consolidate city and rural fire
- too much money into sheriff's dept. for what we get
- slow response time
- full time funded personal for fire and ambulance

Jobs:

- lack of willing labor force
- let free market forces work/no government intervention
- coordinate with feds
- all employment welcome
- bring in manufacturing
- need good paying jobs
- no dirty polluting businesses
- satellite votech

Vision for growth:

- need jobs to grow
- leave it alone
- no zoning/good subdividing
- community involvement/not planning commission
- becoming a retirement community
- too much government control
- no planning board
- don't want people moving here
- growth management
- need viable businesses first

### **THOMPSON FALLS CITY: (188)**

Housing Problems:

- need more section 8 housing

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- overpriced
- high rent/need low income housing
- need zoning commercial/residential
- affordable elderly housing/no stairs
- need nursing/assisted living for elderly
- too much junk/clutter in yards
- lack of maintenance/upkeep on homes
- substandard construction
- many empty/foreclosed homes
- need public sewer on hill
- too many old trailers

### Roads:

- quit plowing in driveway
- resurface with grader, not front end loader
- roads need to be totally rebuilt/poor roadbed
- need repaved/widen
- 4 way street alignment
- need curbs/gutters/sidewalks

### SID:

- fix water runoff/drainage problems
- infrastructure

### Emergency Services:

- need additional funding
- need practice with atlas for quicker response
- city officers need to enforce city ordinances
- need working equipment
- understaffed
- improve fire to save on insurance
- clean up drugs and kids on the streets

### Jobs:

- biofuels
- recruit larger businesses
- need trade school/votech/satellite college

### Vision for growth:

- leave things alone
- develop sound economic base first/attract businesses
- zoning
- reasonable growth

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- slow, planned growth
- encourage retirement community
- no subdivisions
- attract younger population through outdoor recreation

### TROUT CREEK: (203)

#### Housing Problems:

- lack of low income rentals/single parent/elderly
- property taxes too high
- places run down/unkept
- no jobs or low wages
- not enough apartments
- oversized homes that cost too much
- need assisted living
- lack of section 8 housing
- high cost of heat
- empty home
- old rundown mobiles
- government regulations

#### Roads:

- pave gravel roads
- potholes
- narrow roads
- road maintenance lacking
- sink holes/no base
- crews need training
- stop using mag chloride

#### SID:

- no comment

#### Emergency Services:

- slow or no response
- not enough deputies

#### Jobs:

- keep contracts local
- need meaningful employment
- telecommuting
- clean/nonpolluting industry



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Vision for growth:

- protect landowner rights
- voter approved growth
- limited small growth/little government influence
- volunteer planning in each community
- no growth/no big city & big government involvement
- need jobs before we can grow
- tourist facilities and good roads to support growth & attraction as place to retire

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#	Survey Question	59831	59844	59845	HS City	59848	59853	59856	59859	Plains Cty	59873	TF City	59874	Totals
1	Marital Status:													
	Single	7	6	4	19	2	7	5	14	23	19	20	23	149
	Married	15	43	25	34	9	52	21	142	88	149	124	153	855
	Divorced	3	9	4	14	0	7	5	16	16	12	13	12	111
	Widow/Widower	5	7	3	8	2	19	6	16	19	13	22	15	135
2	Gender:													
	Male	11	36	15	31	10	39	17	84	70	113	76	105	607
	Female	19	24	20	38	2	42	21	98	69	82	93	91	599
3	Four Age:													
	19-24 years of age	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	8
	25-34 years of age	3	2	2	5	2	3	0	5	16	5	8	4	55
	35-44 years of age	2	3	2	2	1	6	3	12	13	11	18	9	82
	45-61 years of age	11	27	8	30	3	32	13	75	29	76	60	77	441
	62-72 years of age	9	23	15	20	3	26	14	69	56	68	55	74	432
	73-84 years of age	4	9	7	8	4	17	5	32	20	49	33	25	213
	85 years and over	0	1	1	6	0	2	1	2	8	2	7	2	32
4	Other family or unrelated persons living on same property:													
	1	10	27	19	22	3	28	12	82	94	88	80	106	571
	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	1	11	7	17	16	26	84
	3	3	2	2	2	0	2	2	10	8	6	15	8	60
	4	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	9	6	3	6	3	34
	5+	2	0	1	1	1	2	1	4	4	1	3	7	28
5	Excluding self, how many in your household are in each group:													
	0-6 yrs	6	3	1	6	3	3	1	25	19	7	22	20	116
	7-14 yrs	7	6	12	12	3	5	6	30	24	26	30	24	185
	15-18 yrs	0	9	1	4	2	0	2	15	14	22	16	24	109
	19-24 yrs	4	0	2	3	0	3	1	11	6	4	8	6	48
	25-34 yrs	6	1	1	4	2	3	1	6	17	7	6	21	75
	35-44 yrs	2	6	4	4	3	2	2	20	14	13	15	14	99
	45-61 yrs	6	14	6	13	3	23	13	75	30	75	53	71	382
	62-72 yrs	4	11	7	7	2	15	8	51	33	55	33	67	293
	73-84 yrs	1	6	3	6	0	7	1	11	7	25	16	15	98
	85 years of age and older	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	4	4	3	5	6	28
6	Highest Education level completed:													
	less than 9	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	3	1	1	2	3	17
	9-11 yrs	1	3	0	3	1	4	1	9	6	7	10	3	48
	High School	9	16	16	27	5	31	13	62	75	74	78	97	503
	Vocational/Technical School	4	3	4	9	3	10	6	28	14	47	22	23	173
	College	9	30	12	24	3	31	13	67	45	68	33	70	405
	Post Graduate	6	11	3	8	1	13	5	32	7	26	26	22	160
7	Ethnic groups that are part of your household:													
	African American	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4
	Hispanic	2	2	1	2	0	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	18
	Caucasian	25	60	31	65	11	83	35	185	125	186	172	186	1164
	Asian or Pacific Islander	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	5
	Tribal Member	7	1	3	6	1	2	0	1	5	3	1	1	31
	Other	0	1	1	3	0	3	2	4	5	4	5	7	35
8	Physically/mentally disabled or handicapped in household:													
	yes	6	9	3	16	0	14	8	32	35	43	46	23	235
	no	24	54	34	54	13	71	32	159	102	147	132	176	998
9	Single parent head of household:													
	yes	6	5	0	8	1	6	5	10	19	12	16	17	105
	no	23	53	34	63	12	78	34	176	115	178	161	181	1108
	<b>HOUSING</b>													
10	How long have you lived in Sanders County:													
	1 yr or less	0	2	0	4	1	2	1	2	4	2	8	4	30
	1 to 2 years	0	4	0	4	0	1	2	2	3	6	4	2	28

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	2 to 3 years	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	7	3	5	3	28
	3 to 4 years	0	1	1	3	0	2	0	2	1	2	2	7	21
	4 to 5 years	1	0	0	0	0	5	2	5	10	5	10	7	45
	5 to 10 years	6	10	3	14	0	13	5	39	24	42	30	53	239
	10 to 20 years	12	14	13	19	3	18	9	54	36	48	27	63	316
	20 or more years	9	32	19	26	9	45	20	82	60	85	93	87	567
11	Own home	22	57	32	47	12	80	33	172	110	184	144	190	1083
	Rent	8	7	4	24	1	6	4	8	30	7	35	13	147
12	Would you participate in homebuyers assistance:													
	yes	13	11	12	36	0	20	11	41	45	46	69	54	358
	no	16	48	22	29	13	61	24	140	96	117	101	143	810
15	Furnace repair or replacement	8	6	5	15	4	9	9	22	23	25	31	22	179
	Electrical wiring repalcement	10	5	6	16	5	10	7	21	25	21	32	21	179
	Plumbing repair	7	9	5	18	5	10	6	26	21	18	24	24	173
	Foundation repair	4	6	4	16	5	6	6	16	13	16	26	19	137
	Window/door repair or replacement	14	19	15	35	3	25	15	61	50	51	70	57	415
	Roof repair or replacement	8	17	7	17	2	16	10	34	23	31	29	29	223
	Additional insulation	11	17	7	22	5	17	17	44	18	38	51	35	282
	Walls/ceiling cracks repaired	10	10	6	16	2	13	5	25	19	27	25	27	185
	Water well	2	4	4	5	1	6	0	9	5	15	2	12	65
	Septic system	1	5	4	2	3	3	6	11	4	10	15	16	80
16	Would you apply for low-interest loans or grants:													
	yes	15	30	20	38	3	36	26	72	54	88	85	76	543
	no	11	29	14	20	10	45	12	104	59	89	62	106	561
17	Additional rental properties needed in Sanders County: Rental Houses	15	29	14	33	2	42	16	61	58	79	75	89	513
	Lower income housing	20	36	14	48	4	46	23	95	80	116	117	104	703
	Apartments to rent	11	21	15	27	2	38	16	72	62	86	85	77	512
	Quality rentals	14	26	22	48	5	40	21	82	73	106	107	88	632
	More affordable rentals	23	39	19	48	2	47	26	105	91	104	114	100	718
	Mobile home spaces	8	12	9	12	0	21	6	31	19	48	38	33	237
	Mobile home parks	8	8	11	12	0	15	7	29	40	49	42	33	254
18	Does Sanders Cty need more housing to purchase:													
	Single family homes	17	28	20	45	3	43	16	57	78	68	96	89	560
	Condo/Townhouses	4	7	4	16	1	8	6	39	31	40	52	43	251
	Mobile home spaces	9	8	9	16	1	17	7	34	35	44	40	31	251
19	Need to demolish vacant, severely deteriorated buildings:													
	yes	19	32	29	56	10	45	26	119	98	146	144	120	844
	no	3	25	7	13	2	29	8	52	30	34	24	72	299
20	Types of additional elderly housing units needed:													
	Apartments	19	33	26	46	7	51	21	107	91	111	108	127	747
	Lower income elderly housing	23	47	25	53	6	56	27	132	102	134	132	140	877
	Personal care facility	15	34	15	33	5	42	13	90	60	113	102	103	625
	Nursing home	9	25	10	16	0	34	11	65	41	99	88	89	487
	Active retirement community	17	38	19	40	5	42	20	93	73	109	102	105	663
	Assisted Living Facility	20	44	24	57	6	57	27	128	97	136	116	137	849
21	Support seeking additional funds to improve/expand affordable housing	20	36	22	58	4	48	27	104	95	132	122	125	793
	no	8	27	10	9	7	29	9	67	36	56	37	57	352
22	Sanders county biggest housing problem													
	<b>PUBLIC FACILITIES</b>													
23	Drinking water problems:													
	pressure	2	4	1	7	0	3	5	10	10	5	21	9	77
	taste	6	0	4	23	4	3	3	15	34	15	45	5	157
	clarity	5	2	4	12	0	4	2	17	11	5	19	5	86
	no problems	17	56	29	45	9	78	29	151	100	157	108	185	964

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24	Central water system-repair or replace service from street to home:	yes	3	2	1	12	0	1	1	5	16	5	12	5	63
		no problems	13	24	12	52	5	41	29	58	101	87	138	85	645
		needs to be	1	1	0	4	0	2	0	1	7	0	17	7	40
25	Willing to pay higher water rates to fund improvements:	yes	6	6	1	11	1	6	6	12	20	23	56	11	159
		no problems	16	32	12	57	4	47	29	99	109	84	109	94	692
26	Problems with sewer service:	yes	3	1	0	5	1	2	3	3	3	0	8	7	36
		no problems	23	51	24	65	7	75	26	130	127	139	147	149	963
27	If connected to central sewer, repair or replace from street to home:	yes	3	0	1	13	0	0	0	1	5	0	3	2	28
		no	13	27	12	59	3	32	23	51	110	65	107	72	574
		no, but needs repair or replace	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	3	2	3	5	19
28	Willing to pay higher sewer rates to fund improvements:	yes	6	6	2	10	0	3	13	11	10	18	36	12	127
		no	17	30	11	58	4	43	14	79	117	83	104	81	641
29	Streets/roads adequately maintained:	yes	18	27	16	29	10	46	24	79	72	81	72	109	583
		no	12	39	19	40	4	37	15	105	61	104	108	91	635
30	Paved road/lacking maintenance:	snow removal	9	4	6	17	0	14	5	15	13	30	22	23	158
		patching	6	18	8	32	1	17	8	75	54	61	77	40	397
		sweeping	1	1	1	5	0	4	6	6	14	13	11	12	74
		other	1	15	3	8	0	9	3	35	15	23	3	23	138
31	Gravel road/lacking maintenance:	snow removal	1	8	7	9	1	10	5	10	10	9	4	19	93
		grading	5	16	11	12	1	20	5	19	17	22	8	52	188
		dust abatement	1	22	9	11	3	10	4	15	12	20	6	35	148
		other	3	8	2	6	1	7	3	11	2	7	2	23	75
32	Older subdivision road without maintenance:	yes	2	3	2	9	0	8	4	32	15	31	16	27	149
		no	25	53	28	57	10	68	32	149	121	151	150	160	1004
33	Special Improvement District (SID) for road improvements:	no	14	25	15	22	7	37	18	84	62	92	48	92	516
		yes, road improvements	8	31	16	40	2	36	13	83	62	82	108	86	567
		yes, other improvements	1	2	0	4	0	1	2	11	3	5	8	4	41
34	Satisfied with present garbage collection/disposal:	yes	19	45	29	59	11	68	28	162	121	157	158	155	1012
		no	5	7	3	11	1	10	4	14	9	13	11	22	110
35	Satisfied with Police/Sheriff Protection:	yes	10	30	19	47	12	45	23	159	111	148	132	138	874
		Needs improvement	20	32	15	16	1	39	9	14	26	31	41	54	298
	Ambulance:	yes	14	39	31	61	13	72	24	160	117	161	150	163	1005
		Needs improvement	12	20	3	5	0	9	9	14	17	20	16	29	154
	Fire:	yes	13	44	30	59	12	72	21	152	121	162	120	166	972
		Needs improvement	13	16	3	4	1	9	13	17	13	19	14	26	148
36	Need community center:	yes	8	12	3	21	4	15	14	90	63	45	55	37	367
		no	19	53	29	48	9	67	24	95	58	86	112	143	743
37	Adequate senior citizen services:	yes	19	44	32	47	13	68	22	120	96	83	124	140	808
		no	6	14	3	21	1	10	8	38	24	36	39	36	236
38	Community handicapped accessible:	yes	16	56	25	49	13	67	22	131	95	135	122	148	879
		no	10	6	9	18	0	10	10	39	32	35	46	36	251
39	Additional parking needed for downtown businesses:	yes	3	8	9	7	0	7	5	26	22	57	68	36	248
		no	18	55	23	58	14	72	31	152	112	125	108	153	921
40	Support development/expansion of local trail system:	yes	18	32	22	50	5	42	26	122	83	122	126	119	767
		no	8	34	13	17	6	38	13	66	50	66	49	79	439
41	Local airports adequate:	yes	19	48	35	49	12	49	29	177	122	160	140	154	994
		no	4	9	1	12	0	19	3	7	9	14	21	16	115
42	Adequate transportation private/public to assist elderly/needy:	yes	11	29	29	48	9	35	18	118	81	103	106	102	689

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		no	17	28	7	20	3	36	16	48	44	74	88	83	464
43	Support local funds/resources to improve/expand public facilities:	yes	11	27	19	45	7	38	23	117	74	114	122	119	716
		no	12	30	15	23	6	40	15	56	48	59	45	69	418
44	Support federal grants/loans to improve/expand public facilities:	yes	22	36	24	54	8	40	30	135	88	137	133	131	838
		no	7	25	8	16	5	36	10	48	42	45	42	64	348
45	Support increase in taxes for county improvements:	yes	13	15	7	27	4	18	18	74	50	60	78	57	421
		no	14	41	27	42	10	62	19	114	83	119	89	135	755
46	Support funding a paid fire fighting/ambulance staff:	yes	11	24	12	24	4	23	21	64	49	76	92	71	471
		no	17	36	21	45	9	55	16	105	81	104	75	117	681
	<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>														0
47	Employment status of head of household:	employed	9	19	6	16	3	20	16	61	43	59	56	46	354
		unemployed	2	3	4	6	1	5	3	6	11	11	10	13	75
		retired	11	33	20	38	5	51	18	58	83	104	91	105	617
		student	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5
		homemaker	1	0	0	3	0	3	1	5	4	2	5	3	27
		self-employed	5	9	12	11	6	17	4	38	11	34	20	38	205
		part time	2	9	3	8	0	1	5	13	7	15	5	16	84
48	Primary occupation of head of household:	medical	3	4	0	7	1	2	4	15	10	6	5	7	64
		retail	1	0	3	3	0	3	0	4	5	8	9	7	43
		FIRE	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	8	3	1	20
		timber industry	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	7	7	14	10	14	57
		trucking	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	7	4	16	9	11	52
		professional	5	5	2	8	0	9	2	30	12	29	19	27	148
		technical	0	5	0	5	1	3	5	12	6	13	4	9	63
		agriculture	4	2	7	2	6	0	2	12	4	7	1	10	57
		private/public education	2	4	1	3	0	6	2	7	6	9	4	5	49
		gravel/rock mining	1	3	1	1	0	2	0	2	4	1	1	3	19
		construction	1	7	4	8	3	6	1	11	17	16	10	20	104
		tourism	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	2	1	10
		other	1	14	5	10	1	11	10	41	22	24	18	53	210
49	Occupation of others in household:	medical	5	7	0	5	1	6	1	13	6	15	4	8	71
		retail	1	3	1	0	0	4	3	11	6	4	3	6	42
		FIRE	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	1	4	4	1	17
		timber industry	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	6	13
		trucking	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	6
		professional	1	3	1	3	1	3	2	16	4	17	8	17	76
		technical	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	4	3	6	4	4	25
		agriculture	1	0	2	0	2	1	1	8	3	1	0	2	21
		private/public education	1	1	0	3	1	5	1	9	4	12	6	8	51
		gravel/rock mining	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	5
		construction	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	4	4	11	1	7	34
		tourism	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	3	1	2	14
		other	1	11	9	6	0	11	5	28	18	30	17	49	185
50	Total household members employed:	one	11	23	12	26	8	23	16	54	45	57	47	59	381
		two	6	12	11	11	3	18	7	56	22	49	38	44	277
		three	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	2	1	16
		four	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
		five or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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51	Underemployed:	yes	6	19	4	11	0	13	7	27	15	43	23	39	207
		no	12	36	20	44	7	50	22	117	80	95	60	100	643
	area of expertise														0
52	Working more than one job:	yes	7	11	7	10	5	11	3	24	18	29	19	30	174
		no	14	49	23	50	6	60	31	132	98	136	69	143	811
53	Employed outside Sanders County:	yes	15	23	8	11	2	12	5	29	17	22	22	34	200
		no	11	40	25	54	11	64	31	152	118	152	82	155	895
	Occupation:	medica	3	7	0	3	0	0	0	4	0	3	3	4	27
		retail	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
		industry	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4
		professional	2	7	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	3	4	4	27
		technical	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	11
		agriculture	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	6
		gravel/rock mining	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	5
		construction	2	4	1	3	2	2	0	4	4	5	2	1	30
		tourism	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
		other	4	7	2	3	0	3	2	10	6	6	10	2	55
54	If outside Sanders County	travel	18	22	10	10	2	13	6	22	16	14	20	29	182
		telecommute	1	2	1	0	0	4	0	9	4	3	7	8	39
55	Operate a home base business:	yes	8	13	12	8	2	20	5	47	19	31	22	42	229
		no	19	52	24	55	10	59	29	131	111	146	105	150	891
56	Does homebased business require access to internet:	yes	7	14	8	9	2	14	4	43	13	23	18	30	185
		no	1	3	6	8	4	7	6	16	12	23	9	20	115
57	Technology importance to create future jobs in Sanders Cty:	essentia	13	30	16	30	3	34	13	90	50	80	78	78	515
		very important	3	12	9	14	3	23	8	41	34	40	29	50	266
		important	5	11	3	13	1	9	6	21	19	31	23	9	151
		not important	4	6	0	0	1	4	2	12	13	11	5	22	80
		won't help	0	0	2	0	0	4	1	3	2	0	2	4	18
		I don't know	4	0	1	0	2	0	1	21	21	28	27	19	124
58	Developed/expanded employment in Sanders County:	Agriculture	21	42	27	53	8	57	27	147	85	121	120	134	842
		Medical	20	41	25	49	10	55	27	130	75	120	112	138	802
		Technology	21	43	24	49	9	58	26	137	85	132	129	133	846
		Light Manufacturing	24	44	26	45	10	68	28	160	100	154	145	156	960
		Heavy Manufacturing	10	23	11	21	6	35	28	88	60	92	88	97	559
		Retail	19	35	18	42	8	56	27	119	83	116	127	121	771
		Tourism/recreation	21	39	17	52	6	52	28	124	70	114	117	114	754
		Mining	10	33	15	24	9	55	22	98	58	110	103	120	657
		Transportation/distribution	18	30	16	33	8	38	19	105	68	101	106	149	691
		timber industry	20	45	23	38	11	71	33	144	64	149	138	155	891
		construction	20	41	22	43	12	59	27	127	95	127	128	142	843
		Biofuels	16	31	16	28	10	40	24	109	76	120	104	120	694
59	Support Technology Center:	yes	19	43	28	53	7	60	25	119	89	128	120	119	810
		no	9	18	7	14	4	28	10	59	37	48	37	62	333
60	Support using cty/local funds/resources to develop/expand businesses		22	41	23	53	9	56	28	131	104	134	138	138	877
		no	4	21	11	15	5	25	8	48	28	47	29	56	297
61	Seek state/federal funds to develop/expand businesses:	yes	27	48	29	56	10	59	29	152	115	148	151	159	983
		no	2	13	5	10	2	21	8	32	18	35	17	45	208
62	Support:	Community beautification	22	32	23	52	8	53	26	132	105	150	144	122	869

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	Removal of junk vehicles	29	50	29	59	13	70	30	155	118	166	163	158	1040
	Dog control ordinances	25	31	28	61	11	59	29	114	108	141	150	119	876
	Control of noxious weeds	26	48	30	63	11	62	24	159	121	163	155	166	1028
63	Vision for growth in Sanders County:													
	Uncontrolled growth	3	9	1	5	1	9	6	22	13	11	16	26	122
	Planned growth	15	39	28	52	6	50	23	126	95	126	120	89	769
	No growth	8	12	2	4	4	17	5	16	14	25	18	26	151
	Other	0	2	3	6	2	4	2	5	6	18	6	22	76
64	Best way to achieve your vision:													
	No planning	0	12	1	5	2	12	3	15	13	17	5	23	108
	Establish common goals	14	33	16	38	7	33	23	80	64	75	92	82	557
	Encourage community planning	18	35	31	46	3	44	22	102	76	112	113	89	691
	Other	1	1	0	3	2	3	0	2	2	6	4	11	35
65	In favor of salvage logging of burned areas:													
	yes	18	61	35	62	13	80	33	179	131	184	160	186	1142
	no	4	4	2	3	1	3	4	7	7	4	8	8	55
66	Familiar with Firewise Community Program:													
	yes	7	19	9	21	3	29	14	83	42	76	58	73	434
	no	23	45	30	49	11	51	23	100	95	113	113	132	785
67	Learn more Firewise/Firesafe Montana:													
	yes	19	38	20	41	8	55	21	99	77	108	105	99	690
	no	10	21	13	26	4	25	9	72	62	66	34	72	414
68	Enough being done to reduce wildfire threats:													
	yes	15	26	18	41	3	26	13	71	75	46	58	76	468
	no	12	30	13	19	8	47	18	96	54	115	95	110	617
69	support forest thinning for fuel reduction:													
	yes	22	55	33	56	12	80	33	170	126	178	153	193	1111
	no	4	10	2	9	1	1	0	14	13	8	15	6	83
70	% shopping outside Sanders County:													
	0%	1	0	0	3	1	2	0	4	12	9	12	1	45
	10%	1	0	1	8	1	5	0	21	14	23	27	24	125
	20%	0	0	9	13	1	4	6	24	14	29	16	22	138
	30%	0	0	2	4	1	2	4	18	8	13	12	15	79
	40%	0	0	2	4	1	2	2	8	5	15	4	11	54
	50%	3	11	3	9	4	11	8	32	23	45	29	36	214
	60%	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	15	6	9	11	15	61
	70%	0	5	5	8	0	14	7	22	16	19	25	30	151
	80%	1	6	3	4	1	13	3	21	13	9	7	9	90
	90%	4	32	2	5	1	15	4	12	12	7	13	18	125
	100%	19	8	5	1	0	8	1	2	1	2	2	3	52

# **APPENDIX C**

## **CIP Public Input Meeting Summaries**

- \* Hot Springs – November 7, 2012**
- \* Thompson Falls – November 28, 2012**



**SANDERS COUNTY CIP  
Public Input Meeting  
Hot Springs Senior Center  
Wednesday, November 7, 2012  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS**

**Attendance:**

Tony Banovich, Sanderson Stewart  
County Commissioners  
Carol Brooker, Tony Cox, Glen Magera  
Kimberley Bates, County Commissioner Administrative Assistant  
Kathy Matthew, Land Services Director  
  
Randy Woods, Mayor, Town of Hot Springs

**Discussion Items:**

- Concerns about long term viability of local ambulance and fire services as 100% volunteer efforts/departments.
- Trail from Highway @ “Y” into town still scheduled to be undertaken by CS&K Tribal resources. Currently programmed for 2015.
- Could see some value in improvements to Little Bitterroot Road (aka Ronan Cut Off) to improve access to Ronan and Polson area shopping, health care, etc. Could use areas of widening, straightening and surfacing (asphalt paving).
- Development of “Trailhead” on Old Hot Springs Road west of town. Improvements include defined parking area, maps, signage, trail markers – to encourage use of existing roads & trails as a local and tourist amenity. “Trailhead” location could potentially be within State of Montana school section.

**SANDERS COUNTY CIP & CTEP  
Public Input Meeting  
Sanders County Courthouse  
Thompson Falls, MT  
Wednesday, November 28, 2012  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS**

**Attendance:**

Tony Banovich, Sanderson Stewart  
County Commissioners  
Carol Brooker, Tony Cox, Glen Magera  
Kimberley Bates, County Commissioner Administrative Assistant  
Kathy Matthew, Land Services Director

Lyman Dean, Community Member, Thompson Falls  
Jessie Owens, Community Member, Thompson Falls  
Bina Eggensberger, Sanders County Ledger  
Kim Bergstrom, Community Member, Plains

**Discussion Items:**

- Discussion held concurrent with consideration of project requests for county CTEP allocation.
- Had broad discussion about the value of the CIP as a tool for budgeting and prioritizing expenditures.
- Had broad discussion about CIP not directly related to increase in tax revenues. Capital items beyond taxable revenue would be considered for funding by grants, loans, donations, etc.
- Also broad discussion about need to go to voter approval for any mill increases, bond levies, etc. that may be considered to fund all or part of any of the items included within the CIP.
- Did discuss draft of CIP being provided to the commissioners for review and consideration. Draft will be available for public review. Commissioner discussion and consideration of draft and final CIP will be advertised, open, public meetings.
- Based on question from audience about use of park funds (including cash-in-lieu contribution), Kathy Matthew identified some of the recent park improvements.

Included discussion of vault toilet at Fairgrounds Beach; contribution towards installation of vault toilet at south end of High Bridge; and, new boat ramp at Thompson Falls reservoir at Cherry Creek.

- Also discussed fact that state law only makes provisions for cash-in-lieu for park lands. Not for roads, water, sewer, etc. – unless the local agency imposes impact fees. Those improvements can be required as conditions of subdivision and development; but, can't accept cash-in-lieu of improvements and use dollars for improvements elsewhere in county.
- Did discuss probable recommendation that county review its real property assets and park land assets and determine if any of those parcels may be eligible for disposition. (With proceeds potentially being able to be used to accommodate capital items.)
- Did identify that review so far indicated the majority of capital items were “routine” in nature and included such items as vehicle replacement; equipment replacement and upgrades, etc. But, the following major capital items had been addressed to date:
  - Courthouse Expansion
  - Jail Expansion – Administrative/Office Space
  - Paradise Sewer System
  - Elevator Upgrade in Courthouse for ADA Compliance
  - Fairgrounds Pavilion Replacement
- During the course of discussion the following capital projects were also identified:
  - Possible sewer system in Trout Creek. Potentially to serve commercial properties along Highway 200 to allow for expansion of businesses; and, to insure sewer service should failure of existing on-site systems occur.
  - Extension of water and sewer to serve east end of Thompson Falls (east of reservoir). To allow for expansion of existing business; and, to allow for development of old mill site.
- The following projects were presented as possible projects for CTEP (or other) capital funding:
  - Wildhorse Sports Association, Plains. Trail along west side of Airport road from Central Avenue to new WSA fields at old Plains airport. Trail would allow bike and pedestrian access between town and fields and get users off narrow county road. It appears as though easements are in place on west side of Airport Road to accommodate trail/path.

The main path from Central Avenue to the sports fields is slightly less than 1 mile. The WSA master plan envisions between 2 and 3 miles to total pathways, including paths in and around the site.

WSA would prefer to see a paved path for at least the full length of the Airport Road segment as a CTEP project; but, are open to alternate surfacing and/or phases in order to meet fund availability.

WSA has funds in hand to satisfy the local match component.

- City of Thompson Falls. Expansion of improvements within the currently proposed Railway Park Landscaping CTEP project. A project currently has been approved utilizing City CTEP funds for underground sprinkling and tree installation. The City's CTEP agreement, and the park master plan, envisioned additional landscape items. However, available funds under the City allocation do not allow for the enhanced landscaping.

Allocation of County funds into the City account would allow the expanded landscape improvements to be installed. It is envisioned that the additional work would complement and utilize components of the landscaping installed in the Judge Beitz memorial area on the south side of Highway 200 along the courthouse parking lot.

The City has funds within their budget to satisfy the local match component.

- Tout Creek. Construction of pathway between west edge of town (at or near Naughty Pine Saloon) to the public boat launch area. This would allow for access between town and this park area without having to walk along the shoulder of Highway 200.

Some preliminary route alignment has been considered; but, no preliminary/conceptual design has been undertaken to date. The funds for the local match requirements have not been confirmed.

- Paradise. Completion of pathway between easterly edge of town and Post Office. The intent is to provide an all-season path that allows for pedestrian access between town and the Post Office without having to walk along roadway shoulders. The initial components of this project were undertaken 2 years ago. Easements were secured; the trail area was cleared; and, gravel surfacing was installed. However, for a variety of reasons, the intended paving was not completed. And, there is some question as to whether or not the alignment falls fully within the easement.

The goal of this project would be to accommodate paving of the trail and confirm that alignment is within the easements. The funds for the local match requirements have not been confirmed.

- Thompson Falls. Design and construction of improvements associated with Phase II of the Thompson Falls Community Trail project. The overall community trail plan envisions a trail, mostly along the Clark Fork River, between the City limits and the Thompson Falls State Park.

There has been some question as to whether or not this pathway meets CTEP eligibility criteria (recreational versus transportation). If the county chooses to pursue this as a possible project, project eligibility should first be confirmed with CTEP staff at MDT.